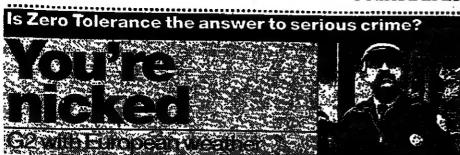


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Suddenly satellites are big business

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Fierce Labour rebuttal exercise forces Tories on to the defensive

Tax bombshel fuels poll fever

Conservatives were both claiming victory in the first big skirmish of the election campaign last night after Tory claims that a Blair government would cost the average family £1,200 a year in extra taxes met with an opposition rebuttal exercise of un-precedented brutality.

By late evening the 99-page Conservative document — 89
"major spending pledges", according to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, William Waldegrave — had been subjected to a detailed Labour rebuttal and a counter-rebuttal from policy analysts at Tory

With Labour determined not to allow what Gordon Brown dubbed the "Tory lie machine" to repeat Chris Pat-ten's "Labour tax bombshell" coup in 1992, the effectiveness of the rival propaganda tac-tics will not finally be known until the election votes are

But John Major's election team at Conservative Central Office, which had totted up a £30 billion bill for implementing assorted Labour aspirathe comparable bill for Neil Kinnock's alleged plans in 1992 — spent most of the day on the defensive after inde-pendent experts derided many of their claims.

Sweeping aside assorted quotations culled from speeches by Tony Hiair and his senior colleagues — sig-nalling costly improvements in every Whitehall depart-ment, according to the Tories the shadow chancellor thing to the voters," said one hammered home his own austere message that the "five look two-faced." In effect it



important we all stand by these figures and ministers make sure they use only these figures in public'

William

the recent Road to the Manifesto statement were the only

"We will rebut whatever is claimed about spending, one by one. The Road to the Manifesto makes it absolutely clear what we can deliver and what we can't deliver, and it makes it absolutely clear that every spending commitment will be funded." Mr Brown said. The rest were aspirations, pilot projects or merely ideas for consideration.

"The Conservative campaign has failed. They have tried to get a scare running. negative American-style cam-paigning. They have failed,"

Well aware that a Labour tax scare will be harder to sell to wary voters after tax rises of £17 billion under John Major since 1992, Tory offi-cials privately conceded that yesterday's launch might not

work as well "factually".
"But it may work in persuading voters that Labour will say anything to get elected, that they say one thing in the City and another

Waldegrave

tension of the "demon eyes" attack on Labour.

Michael Heseltine, both stressed that theme yesterand Mr Brown to publish their own costings or deny

that the 89 pledges exist.

"Either it's a confidence trick and there's nothing behind it, or it is going to cost a lot," Mr Heseltine told Channel 4 News, Mr Waldegrave, whose Treasury boss, Ken-neth Clarke, will present the last pre-election Budget on Tuesday, ducked detailed Tory suggestions that he had questions about the scale of personally approved the exertaxes will not rise again if Mr

dajor wins a fifth Tory term.

sooner or later. As in 1992, ministers deny it.
"We had to put up taxes

after the last election largely because the tax base falls away in a recession. I don't believe Labour would have

asked us to make the very large expenditure cuts in ser-vices that would have been necessary to maintain the original tax base at the time of a recession," Mr Walde-grave told a Westminster press conference. The Torie remained "tax-cutters by in

stinct", he argued. Two sub-plots enlivened the row which pitted the two party election machines against each other in earnest for the first dress rehearsal of the campaign. Labour target-ed Mr Waldegrave as person-ally untrustworthy because of his controversial role in the his controversial role in the arms-to-Iraq affair — "his credibility has been demoished" — and played up the role of the neutral civil service in allegedly vetting, and giving credibility to, estimates placed on Labour's programme by Tory special advigramme by Tory special advi-

gramme by fury special anvi-sers and researchers.
With the First Division Association, representing higher officials, protesting that "a clear boundary has been crossed" in the use of civil servants for party purposes, a statement from the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, denounced as a "trav esty" reports that he had pro-tested to Mr Waldegrave over questions about the scale of personally approved the exer-Conservative tax rises since cise. Labour insisted they

Mr Brown's Treasury team also published a leaked memo Mr Clarke is expected to cut from Mr Waldegrave, remind-the basic rate of income tax ing cabinet colleagues of yesby at least 1p to appease the Tory right, though Labour claimed last night he would have to put up VAT and other taxes to square the debt circle sure that they use only these figures in public."



Survey finds most voters would | Queen's goose pay more for health and schools

Mark Milner

MAJORITY of voters want higher spending on bealth and educawould have to rise to pay for it, according to a leading survey published today. But, in a classic illustration of voter ambiguity, most people feel they pay too much

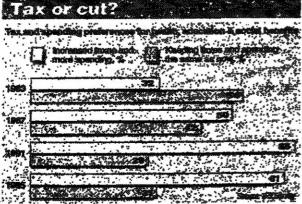
tax, and that the burden of

funding increased spending should fall on others.

The survey, carried out by the Institute for Fiscal Studles as part of the annual British Attitudes Survey, is unlikely to help party political strategists in the run-up to the general election.

won on a commitment to cut income tax. However, they

torate is willing to put its flat £35 rise. money where its mouth is" on higher spending. It found that six out of 10 were prepared to pay more tax to fund more pay more tax to fund more creases in public expenditure health spending, and slightly when the personal tax conse-



The levels of support for more health and education spending are close to those recorded before the 1992 Conservative victory, fought and won on a commitment to cut. provide more money for edu-The fall off in support was even more marked in the case

income tax. However, they are more than double the level they stood at when the survey was first carried out in 1983. This year's survey set out to determine — in its own penny in the pound on the basic rate of income tax or a

quences are spelled out to them in detail, a counfortable majority none-the-less supports increases in spending on at least one or more core areas of health, education and universal welfare benefits."
Paradoxically, it also notes that there is a general feeling that the burden of extra taxation should fall on those with high incomes, but only 3 per cent of those questioned included themselves in this category. "It is other people's taxes that most people feel should go up."

On social security benefits, the survey found that the state pension and benefits for disabled people had most sup-port, with over half of those surveyed making them their first or second priority. Benefits for single parents

received least support.
Though more people now buy private health care and education, the survey found few signs that this was undermining support for public provision in these areas. This may happen to a small degree in the case of the NHS, but there is no evidence for it in the case of education.

"On the contrary, parents who send their children to private schools seem to be the most supportive of improvements in the state education system, perhaps because they have opted only reluctantly

for the private sector." The survey also tried to de-termine how far attitudes towards higher spending were determined by direct personal benefit, and found that self-interest and the compatible for those on lower

comes. "With the exception of spending on culture and the arts, richer people are more inclined to view higher spending as beneficial to the nation as a whole, rather than nanon as a whose rather than
to them and their households." Overall, however, it
concludes that "individual
priorities" are "clearly
driven by a combination of

vs Hattersley, R.

John Exard

By old-fashioned stan-dards at least, you knew the defendant was in dire trouble as soon as you saw how his name appeared on the magistrates' court list yesterday. Everyone else on the alphabetical case list — from Avolino through Hamidoc to Zaplatic - had their first names given. But this villain was listed only

as Hattersley, R. The .Victorian essayist and poet Matthew Arnold famously wrote that a civi-Austra

JACKSTRANS DOG WOLLDN'T

lisation can be judged by the way it speaks of its citi-zens in court. Arnold was enraged by a court report that said of a poor woman

charged with infanticide: "Wragg is in custody." By this yardstick, the Right Honourable Roy Sydney Hattersley, Privy Counsellor, was treated with unique dual barbarity at Bow Street magistrates' court yesterday when he faced a charge of allowing his dog, Buster, to worry one of the Queen's geese in St James's Park.

St James's Park.

Hattersley, like Wragg,
was shorn of both his
Christian names and his
courtesy title. But this
touch of Victorian severity
ended as soon as the case
opened. Misters were showered on the former shadow home secretary, indicating that the brevity of the list may merely have been a ploy to put journalists off

Hattersley was not in cus tody. Hattersley was not even in court, though he had appeared for an open air media photocall witi Buster earlier. The magis trate, Richard Bartell, ac cepted his guilty plea

The prosecuting solicitor Richard Heatley, said the Turn to page 2, column

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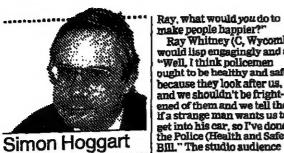
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Sketch

The cutest thing you ever heard



NCE a year the House holds a touching ceremony, the presentation of private members' hills. The 20 MPs who have been lucky in the ballot line up behind the Speaker's chair, each clutch-ing their bills, crisply printed and neatly folded, ready to

hand to the clerks.
It's a little like World Peace Day assembly at a primary school. As their homework, all the children have been asked to write what they would do to make the world a

better, happier place. Little Jimmy Wray (Lab, Glasgow Provan) wants to ban knives 'because they are nasty horrid things, and they hurt people" (not the precise words of the bill, but its general intention). Being first in line, Jimmy has at least a modest chance of seeing his bill become law, which means extra house points and a star on his reading folder!

Nigel Evans (C, Ribble Valley) brought along the Confis-cation of Alcohol (Young Per-sons) Bill. "I think alcohol tastes yucky, and when my sister came home from the disco Dad said that if she ever came back in that state again. she wasn't too old to have the strap taken to her, so I think

they ought to ban it." Audrey Wise (Lab, Preston) had spent all weekend working with her parents on the Cold Weather Payments (Wind Chill Factor) Bill. "Lots of old people get really, really cold in winter, especially if it's windy, so I think they ought to get more money for clothes and things."
There used to be a television

programme in which small children were interviewed along similar lines. Whenever they said something particularly winsome, the interviewer would turn round to the camera and give a nauseat ing, "isn't that the cutest thing you ever heard?" sort of smile, before saying, "Well,

Ray, what would you do to make people happier?"
Ray Whitney (C, Wycombe)
would lisp engagingly and say:
"Well, I think policemen
ought to be healthy and safe, because they look after us. and we shouldn't be fright-ened of them and we tell them get into his car, so I've done the Police (Health and Safety)

goes "Aaaah . . ." Some of the private mem-bers' bills have less simple and straightforward aims. Nigel Waterson (C. Eastbourne) wants to outlaw conspiracy to commit offences outside the United Kingdom, which could involve prosecuting millions of crimes worldwide every year. John Marshall (C. Hendon S) wants an act to provide for the safety of all United Nations personnel — who could disagree, except perhaps a few Hutu militiamen?

Tommy Graham (Renfrew W) was clutching the Local Government (Gaelic Names) (Scotland) Bill, which would allow places in Scotland to take Gaelic names. If Ireland is anything to go by, Perth would become Pearghddaidd Ayr would be Eiarreannagh, and Edinburgh would acquire the longest place name in Europe outside Wales. Mr Graham himself would have to be renamed Tomas O'Ghreagheabhammiegh. (Few, if any, of these bills will

pecome law.)
The two main political events of the day were the Government's attempt to get a civil service imprimatur for its own partisan attack on Labour's spending plans, and its wish to quash debate on the European single currency. This wheeze was defeated at an acrimonious select committee meeting yesterday

Both these plots were disgraceful, even by the stan-dards of this administration, which means they were no surprise. One of the unspoken rules of the Commons is that really contentious issues must be kept from debate in the House, which is why MPs were leaping furiously up and down making points of order

about both. Betty told them that the Government could make a statement, but had shown no sign of doing so, which is where the matter rested.



James Spader and Deborah Unger in a scene from David Cronenberg's Crash, described by Westminster councillors as "sexually degrading" and "near necrophilia".

do-masochist film Crash banned

Owen Bowcott

RASH, the controversial movie about sado-masochists being aroused by car accidents, was yesterday banned from the cinemas of ondon's West End, at least emporarily.

The group of Westminster councillors who spent the morning in a private studio in Soho condemned David cronenberg's film as "sexually degrading" and "near necrophilia".

Licensing sub-committee chairman John Bull — whose name, at least, implies British tradition personified — be-moaned the fact that they no longer make films "like the Vizard of Oz". Even before the British

Board of Film Classification passes judgment on Crash, the members of the sub-com-mittee banned it temporarily, demanding specific cuts be fore its release.

Westminster's "interim" prohibition was imposed despite an open letter signed by 50 leading film-makers urging

Other films subject to bans and censorship

□ Oliver Stone's Natural Born Killers: two young killers on a murder rampage through America. Granted an 18 certificate by the BBFC, it was blamed for copyca killings in France and America. Video release was suspended in May by its distributors.

☐ Reservoir Dogs: torture scene showed a man cutting off his victim's ear. Banned on

the council to consider "British traditions in respect of

The three members of the licensing sub-committee, two Conservative and one Lebour, decided that Mr Cronenberg's film, which won the special jury prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival, left them with video in the UK until June 1995.

Visions of Ecstasy: 20minute film on the religious and erotic experience of St Teresa of Avila was banned by the British Board of Film Censors in 1989. Included a scene in which St Teresa erotically embraces the body of

The Last Temptation. of Christ opened in London in September 1988. Banned by two local authorities after

Christ on the cross.

In particular, they asked the BBFC to review three secfreedom of speech and artistic tions: "the sex scene involving a woman wearing calipers, the final sex scene, and

> If the BBFC grants the film a certificate, the council said, the sub-committee would review its decision. But it

fertilising and not destruc-

would be reluctant for the film to be shown in Westminster in the form shown today. Mr Bull said: "I may be nearly 70 years old, and some people may say this is a matthe statement 'car crashes are

ter of a generation gap, but

we are concerned about the copycat affects. There's an Asked if he enjoyed the

blasphemous.

churchgoers said it was

indecent and

☐ Monty Python's Life of Brian banned by Glasgow council's licensing committee in 1980 because of feared insult to religious sensibilities.

ordered Warner Brothers to remove his film, A Clockwork Orange, from distribution in the UK in 1973 after complaints that the box-office hit had inspired a plague of teenage violence.

Among film-makers signing the protest letter yesterday in support of the film were Mike Leigh, Ken Loach, Peter Greenaway, Bernardo Bertolucci, Jeremy Isaacs, Nicolas Roeg and Michael Palin. The co-executive director of Crash, Chris Auty, said he was optimistic that the coun-

amount of degradation in

screening, he said: "It's a cillors' decision would leave good film. It's exceedingly well made, you can't take that think the key word here is away. If you are asking me personally whether I enjoyed "All we really want is that our work of art, which is how we think of this film from the the film, I can be quite honest, I could live without it, I don't

like all these sex scenes and

then you have to remember

am a senior citizen."
While the BBFC is still con-

sidering what type of certifi-

cate to award, or whether it

Canada, France, Italy, Ger-many, Portugal, and Scandi-

navis. In most of those

countries it has been rated for

16 or 18 years and over.

entor citizen.

car crashes. It's not me, but oublic." Michael Winner, another director who signed the letter, said: "This is coming up to election time. You can look should have one, Crash, based on a novel by J G Ballard, has already been shown in heroic if you start saying 'I will get rid of crime by ban-

bottom of our hearts, gets the

opportunity to be seen in an

ning films'.
"Come elections, politiclans get more censorious in the battle to be holler than the next man. We are really the most overcensored country in

the free world."
According to Screen International magazine, the moral panic over Crash was spread-ing. Politicians in Naples have begun calling for the

First night

Warmongers to whoremongers

Andrew Clements Die Soldaten

English National Opera

T has taken 30 years for Bernd Alois Zimmermann's only opera to make it on to the stage in London, At least three British companies, in-cluding Covent Garden, have contemplated productions contemplated productions over the last 10 years, only to get cold feet when they saw the balance sheet. With an orchestra of more than 100, a large cast, three film screens and three acting areas, it is not a work to take lightly. But English National Opera has boldly gone where no one else has dared: Die Soldaten opened at the London Coliseum on Tuesday, directed by

David Freeman and conducted by Elgar Howarth. In logistical terms the eve-ning is a triumph: simply presenting the piece as coher-ently and musically precisely as ENO has managed is a huge achievement. Based on Jakob Lenz's 18th-century play, Die Soldaten tells the story of a hapless teenager, Marie, who thinks she can become upwardly mobile by marrying an officer in the local army though, she is just a bit on the side: she is raped and ruined. and ends the opera as a street

prostitute. If the story is relatively simple, Zimmermann's treat-ment is anything but. Writing an opera for an avant garde composer in the early 1960s was a dangerous business most of his contemporaries dismissed the medium as old hat — and Zimmermann went out of his way to show that he

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

ASECOND parliamentary candidate in the forth-coming Wirral South byelec-

tion has unexpectedly quit.
The resignation of the Lib

eral Democrat candidate Phil Glichrist "for family reasons"

Second candidate guits

comes just 10 days after Labour's choice, Dr Ian Wing field, stepped down after alle-

gations of domestic violence. Tory MP Barry Porter.

could make the work conform to current ideas of complexity Hence the use of musical and dramatic multiplicity, of scenes happening simultaneously and collages of different styles — the kind of thing that is taken for granted nowa

days in film and pop but
which was new at that time.
The message of the piece is a
sincere one, if slightly muddled and indulgent in its execution: when you train soldiers to act aggressively they will transfer that behaviour to their private lives, and it is society that bears the cons quences. Freeman's produc tion rams that point home by using much more film footag than even Zimmerman prescribed, and by providing the action with a constant backdrop of squaddies marching and drilling for battle.

But he makes sure that the narrative thread is never obscured. And in the pit Howarth presents Zimmer-mann's teeming score as lu-cidly as one could ever hope; for all its atavistic outbursts the music also contains many passages of chamber-like intinacy, in which what charac terisation there is of the pro-tagonists is allowed to emerge.

Most of the characters are little more than ciphers. Only Marie, sung here by Lisa Saffer with astonishing accuracy in some stratospheric so-prano writing, gets fleshed out in any detail.

Die Soldaten may not be a rasterpiece, but it is more than a period piece. Other composers took up Zimmer mann's ideas and did them better, but to bear his first attempt is fascinating. This review appeared in some editions yesterday.

It means that of the main parties only the Conserva-

tives have a candidate in

place, prompting senior

Labour sources to admit that

the Tories could wrong-foot

their rivals by naming an early date.

the contest was still unlikely to be held before the new

Tory sources said last night

Baywatch star's marriage sinks Pam Anderson and Motley Crue drummer to split after 21 months

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

AMELA Anderson, the statuesque sex symbol in the popular television series Baywatch, is to divorce her husband Tommy Lee after only 21 months of

marriage. The volatile temper of Mr the volatile lemper of Mr
Lee, drummer with the rock
group Modley Crue, is widely
blamed for their marital problems. A lavish lifestyle and
heavy legal bills are reported
to have contributed to recent lisputes about money. According to divorce papers filed in Los Angeles.

the couple cited "irreconcil-able differences", and Ms An-derson will seek custody of their son Brandon, aged five In a recent interview Ms

Anderson said: "People as-Anderson said: "People as-sume that Tommy is a loud-mouthed jerk. But he's really the kindest, gentlest, most loving man I've ever met. But then, people see my blonde hair and red swimsuit and astume I'm a bimbo."

This estimation of Mr Lee formerly married to the Dynasty television actress Heather Locklear - has



Tommy Lee and a pregnant Pamela Anderson in January

Mr Lee and the Canadian-born actress, aged 28, were married on a beach in Mex-ing sunglasses. ico. They then embarked on an instant rearing programme that surprised some of their tearaway friends in Hollywood, Brandon, born in June, was dressed all in But they work."

and was photographed wear-

ing sunglasses.
Goggle-eyed reporters who asked if Ms Anderson was breast-feeding the baby were answered frankly. "Everyone knows I have breast implants

(his right arm is covered from wrist to shoulder and the word "mayhem" is inscribed in Gothic letters on his stom-ach), decided Brandon should also be inked. The idea was abandoned when it was explained that the design would become unrecognisable as the

child grew.

The couple posed for photographs wearing black leather, with baby's dummies in their mouths, while Brandon sported an estupendo-size cigar. Ms Anderson, who has barbed wire tattooed around her arm to mark her appearance in the action film Barb Wire, explained that they were getting Brandon used to the ways of show business. He joined her on the Baywatch beach when filming began again in August.

again in August.

Bringing up baby did not seem to stiffe the couple's party-going. Last month a freelance photographer broke his pelvis during a scuffle with Mr Lee outside the Hollywood nightclub where the actor River Phoenix died from a drug overdose in 1993, aged 22. The photographer is suing Mr Lee for assault.

The couple also have a \$10 million invasion-of-pri-

vacy suit against Penthouse publisher Bob Guccione, who obtained a videotape they had made of themselves having sex. A judge in August denied their attempt to bar Pent-house from publishing some of the videotaped images.

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continued from page 1 at 8.30am on April 8 a policeman patrolling the park came across a greylag goose "very badly injured, indeed close to death. Subsequent investigations revealed the injuries were caused by a small brown dog in the charge of Mr

In a written statement to the court, the former Labour deputy leader said he had not meant to let his dog off the leash but it broke away from him while he was clearing up its mess "I thought it was chasing a squirrel," he said.

The Privy Counsellor regretted his dog's action and would ensure it did not happen again.
Hattersley, who has no previous convictions, was fined £50, plus £25 for failing to keep Buster on a



A goose similar to the victim

lead, and ordered to pay 230 costs. The offences car-ried a total maximum fine At the photocall Buster lunged towards a flock of birds. "He does like pigeous," said his owner. "Oh

Court collars Hattersley over dog | Police shoot dead knifeman holding store boss hostage

Duncan Camoball Crime Correspondent

MAN holding a supermarket manager hostage with a knife was shot dead by a police marksman yesterday after ignoring a warning to release his captive. He had reportedly been involved ear-lier in a domestic dispute

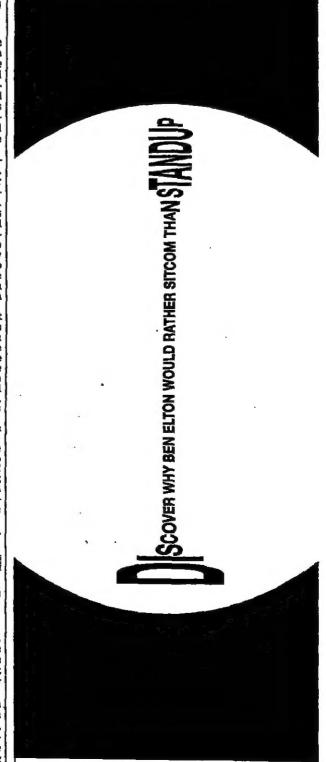
nearby. The 40-year-old man had gone into a Co-op store in Ward End, Birmingham at about 4.30pm. West Midlands police said he was carrying a knife and handcuffs. He attacked three staff members, then handcuffed the manager, a man in his iwentles, hold-

Superintendent Pat Wing. leading the inquiry into the shooting, said last night the police officer who had shot the man was "extremely traumatised".

Witnesses said the dead man was known locally as a mental patient. Tahir Aslam aged 25, said he saw neigh-bour David Howells in the street shouting and making threats to his elderly parents. The supermarket manager who was stabbed, was taken

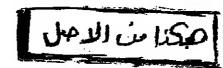
to Birmingham Heartlands Hospital but was not thought to be seriously injured. Local estate agent Simon Palmer said the man was shot after holding the manager at knifepoint in the back of the

Armed police called to the scene opened fire after the man ignored their warning.



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Day of charges and counter-charges as Blair's spin doctors and 'rebuttal unit' pounce on Conservative tax claims

How media massaged the message



Gordon Brown: foresaw "tired old campaign"

● The table below shows the most important Tory claims about Labour's tax plans

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What was different this time adressors the Daily Telagraph's gover that was different this time was the Drutal speed of spolitical editor, arriving for the Daily Telagraph's political editor, arriving for the Daily Telagraph's teams, using the first of many rebuttal press conferences of next year's election. "A round of applanse, please, for George Jones, straight from Conser-Jones, straight fr



Peter Mandelson: rapid, brutal response

Tory claims about Labour tax plans	Tory costing £m		Labour costing	Guardian analysis
ncrease overseas sid; piedges to intreese aid in New Labour, New Life for Britain, July 1986, and Change and Renewal, Tony Biair's election statement, 1984	2,298	Labour has no such commission: Tory 1992 medilesto, indivover, stated: "We continue to account the long-term Lift target for alti of 0.7 per cent of GNP".	Not applicable	Labour does want to put more money into the aid pot, but Clare Short's department is unlikely to be at the front of the queue. Aid budgete are belicul in most industriatised nations.
Reverse curts in World Service and British Council: Fresh Start for Britain says Labour opposes "any attempt by the Government to cut funding for either organisation".	30	Labour has no such commitment. Neither of the quotations used by the Tories to substantists this assertion make such a commitment.	Not applicable	The World Service is seen by New Labour as an important symbol. A che way of grabbing some early lavourable headlines?
Regionel development agencies in England: commitments in New Opportunities for Business, New Labour, New Life for Officir and Cordon Expense speech to the party conference.	960	These approches would not involve any spars copie, but a petter use of existing concurrent.	No extra costs	Already, Labour has watered down its plans for regional economic stratege and there is no chance of the new bodies receiving sums equivalent to the Walsh and Scottish development offices.
Restore Public Ownership of Railways: In his speech to the party conference Tony Blair said that there will be a "publicly owned, publicly accountable BR".	920	The truth, as the Tories concede, is that Labour is committed to creating a "publicly owned, publicly accountable railway system".	Better use of public subsidy — currently £2 billion per annum.	Labour has twisted and turned on the future of the railways, and trots out "as economic circumstances allow" argument. In practice, it is now more interested in tighter regulation of the system than a wholesale buy-back.
ment in fielders Safety: it a press note in 1895 Formy McLeich and the completion of safety work is a major priority which cannot be fusing delayed.		Labour believes that incompad twentment can be achieved within existing reachings decling a patricular parties of the companies of the compani	Setter use of public existing	Labour wants to exploit lears about the safety of trains but the parry's argument that new systems can be paid for out of existing tight budgets rings hollow.
ncrees spending on house building: In New abour, New Life for Britain, Labour said that councils should be able to invest capital receipts to build homes.	2,600	All council house building will come from the phased release of existing receipts currently held by local authorities.	No extra costs	The Conservatives want to paint Labour's plans as old-style local government profligacy, but the money is sitting in accounts, ready to be used. It would not represent extra spending — but there are concerns the council houses are a bit Old Labour.
and Council Text Coppling, Tory State, of the 1995 conference, pletiged stat Lander Well September others at coppling segmen	1,200	Listour in committed to securing heat value - a committed on of their price and quality - in partie.	No extra cests	The Tories are using the Loony Labour spectre again, But the basis for the financial calculation is completely made up, which blunts a potentially use weapon.
End the privatisation of prisons: "We shall end the mmoral privatisation of Britain's prisons." Jack Straw, arty conference, 1985.	38	Labour proposels will save money. Key performance indicators for 94/95 show that the average cost of in-use private prison accommodation is more than \$200 more per year per prisoner.	Cost savings	The only prison contract which was Boaly to be an issue for Labour has jubeen extended for five years. The other three private prisons are also just into five-year contracts: for the first Labour term no decision will need to taken.
operave accesses to legal still Pail Spatieng legal fights appropriate, providend in 1986 that justice would make to be in no discuss the beginny propriet	150	Labour will make home use of existing maintain legal and budget to supend scores so justice. Strongly the creation of a community legal service.	A Report Lands	Both sides want to reform Legal Aid, and the Government has presided on big rise in costs. Labour is unlikely to throw money at this, but are less likely to cut funds then the Tories.
leform the Crown Prosecution Service: Jack Straw nade two pledges in 1995 that the CPS would be sorganised, creating a separate service for each police orce.	70	By reallocating existing staff to local offices in each police force areas Labour will reduce the high costs of the current highly centralised CPS.	Cost savings	After this week's survey showing deep distilusionment in the CPS, the Conservatives are on dangerous ground criticising Labour for backing reform. Money probably could come from better use of existing budgets.
ntrodinae sephericaie jos inschencia (April David havigi, teiti jier teochen vill je aljoved settusiosis nt judali insperaje	1,300	Any costs by parist would be furnised from within editing restrictes, through inclusive sponsors and its entire costs.	Me extra costs	Although the costings are based on an extraordinarily generous basis, the world clearly be some costs. This is in any case most likely to well until a second term policy, in exchange for keeping the fid on wages.
ntroduce a new student loans acheme: New Labour, lew Life for Britain says that under Labour students will b longer rely on parental contributions.	950	Figures totally inaccurate. Labour's proposals will generate resources without increasing the burden on the texpayer by recoupling the maintenance element of the costs of higher education through a repayment system.	No extra costs	Offering part-time students the same access to loans as full-timers would a progressive and radical step; and an expensive one. Labour wants to hipart-timers, but is likely to wait until a new repayment system is in place.
ouble the number of singlents in higher aducations ledges in Litting Learning, New Labour, New Life Live dain and by David Stantons	700	Labour has ont placed any specific increase in remound higher edication students. Indicat, would use next against of landing students to lift Government's cast on access to higher edication.	No saire costs	Nobody is sensibly suggesting that the proportion of young people entering should rise from 30 per cent to 60 per cent. Forty per cent is more like and Labour will probably announce this as a larget once in office.
expand post-16 education: Gordon Brown and David Runkett, at the party conference, pledged that all pupils hit stay in education beyond the age of 16.	680	Labour would fund its plans through the re-direction of resources currently spent on the failed Youth Training Scheme.	No extra costs	YTS is so widely-revited, and so useless — some research shows that a Y course actually reduces the chances of getting a job – that acrapping it in tayour of post-16 education would be popular, and free.
rease a surgery phote for every 3 year-old; "Our In is to guesarine nursery admission," New Labour, lew Life for British	665	Labour will provide a company place for all A year olds using funds from the Governments curving volutions actions.	All social costs	Lebour will aimost cettainly aim for 4-year-olds in the first term, and extent to 3-year-olds in the next manifesto. Lebour sees this as an important and specific pledge.
ncrease capital spending on schools: David luniest pledged to increase spending on schools in peeches to the NUT and the party conference.	320	Labour has not said it would provide additional capital resources. Its proposals will enable groups of schools to link up with private institutions to reduce repairs backlog.	No utiliza costs	Here again, private money is touted as the way Labour can square the cit of patching up school roofs with tight spending control. In practice, more state money will be needed.
able up every school: Tong Slat has twice, it this 1955 and 1995 conferences, pledged that no cliffd will a without actors to a computer.	280	Proposal these from the Government epochised Director Sensial of the Office of Telegomynthications in a constitutive document on the funding of asserted as the legomynthications sension.	Most appellectule	Cabling up schools sound saxy, ustil the bill for the connections arrives. Labour will try and get BT to pay for the whole lot
educe class sizes, 5 to 7-year-olds: pledge ontained in epeaches by Tony Stair, Gordon Brown nd David Blunkett.	210	Will pay for reduced class sizes by phasing out old assisted places scheme. Tories' estimate based on bogus assumption that phasing out APS means having to provide additional places for 77,000 pupils in state system, when new places would need to be found for fewer than 6,000 pupils in England every year.	No extre costs	It Labour wants to bring down class sizes before the APS has been phase out, there will be additional costs – the gradual approach is likely to be preferred.
ackle Youth Unemployment. "We have pledged to form the walfare state so god, fley are lather in discation, training or work expensions." Tony State, epsensbur 1986	500	One of the tive early pledges is to get 250,000 under 25-year-olds off benefit and kill' work using bands from the one-off windful lawy on the polaritised utility companies.	Stinished by ESber Windfall tax	The high start-up costs of programmes for the young unemployed will be met by the windfall text. In the medium-term, the beneficiaries will be payin more text and getting less welfere: but Labour is locked in the immediate claim and counter-claim.
bolish NHS internal market: New Labour, New Life r Britain said Labour "rejected" the Internal market.	450	Labour's plans to scrap internal market will save money to divert into front line patient services. Committed to cutting waiting lists by treating an extra 100,000 patients as first step by releasing £100 million saved from NHS red tape.	No extra costs	Labour will not abolish the key elements of the NHS market - Trusts and to purchaser/provider split - but simply re-name it. This costs nothing.
educe benefit withdownstror claimsein; printed New Labour, New Life for Schilb and by Hantel armen and Gordon Brown	2,000	wittin inste years of implementation, auch it strategy would start to rear substantial spatige, instal short team fearing would be drawn from savings blendfied in and fraud trackdown.	Cost cavings	The calculations use furge cuts in tapers, why beyond anything Labour is considering. There is no money left in anti-fraud measures, so Labour will have to stump up some cash here.
troduce guaranteed income for penaloners: finimum income" promised by Harriet Harman, eptember 1996, and Tony Blair, party conference 195.	1,100	Believe pension entitlement could achieve significant savings in administration of benefits system.	Cost savings	It will cost money to ensure that all pensioners receive all benefits to which they are entitled, which will not be matched by Labour's "administrative savings." Abolishing the 16-hour rule is part of Labour's plan to up-aid! the worldoor
bolish the 16-hour rise. Condit Brown twice sojed in his conference speech that ills mile for surg unemployed will be sharifored.	875	Similar, scheme, already proposed by Government listed under Johnstons's Allevation.	Pinglish tax	and is likely to happen swiftly. The windfall tax is supposed to pay for it - it there is only one windfall, and a permanent increase in spending. Direct hi by the Government. Labour has dropped plans to abolish the JSA and restore 12-month dole.
holish Johssekers Allowance: described as a issater' by Michael Meacher, a review was promised Getting Weltare to Work, June 1996.	240	No commitment to abolishing the Jobseeker's Allowance		Labour has dropped pairs to exceed in a LSA and readed 12-more tode. Once in power, Labour will probably decide to use any cash to get people obenefits, rather than expanding existing ones. Small beer, and Labour will consinty not devote new funding to the
tablish a Scottish Parliament, bug trim Labour variament, seliterated by Fony Hair and George obserson.	50			perferments.
stablish a Welsh Assembley: long term Labour miniment, endorsed by Tony Blair at the party inference.	34	By contrast, the administrative costs of the 10 largest Welsh quangos are currently running at £26 million.		Ditto: no new money for devolved parliaments.
troduce a national manimum wages Torry Blair; orden Brown and Harnet Harnert Save of promised a augusy minimum wage.	3,700	Lebbar's atheritis large proposals will out the social security bill. Far trop socials politic, money, the minimum range will and the scantal of unscriptions employers being satisficised by the security of the security bill.	Magazakan yayan sa 🔻	Athough a high minimum wage would push up the public sector pay bill, it would also increase tax revenues. The net result will probably be close to zero, and in any case the floor is likely to be well below state salaries.

Eurotunnel set to restart services

Unions and passenger groups condemn decision to resume freight service only two days after fire and before safety inquiry

Luke Harding, Seumas Milne and Alex Duval Smith

UROTUNNEL was on collision course with unions and passenger groups last night as a partial freight service was due to begin only two days after the devastating blaze. Eurotunnel operations di-

rector Alain Bertrand, speak-ing shortly after emergency talks in Calais with safety experts, said there would be a phased reintroduction of services, with bopes now high of passenger services back on track "by the end of the lexit."

union said: The instructions from management are to continue as fast as possible to the exit.

As the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority was still continuing special talks to assess security requirements in the wake of the fire, Mr Bertrand went on French radio to announce a breakthrough.

Eurotunnel plans to resume in several phases and as quickly as possible, starting in a few hours with freight trains," he said.

"I hope passenger trains and shuttle trains with private cars and passengers might start rolling again by the end of the week.

Mr Bertrand did not reveal details of Eurotunnel's talks with the 10-strong Safety Authority which bears ultimate responsibility for tunnel standards and which alone can decide whether or not normal services can resume.

Eurotunnel, which is losing £1 million a day in revenue while the tunnel remains shut, wants to restart Eurostar train services as soon as possible in an attempt to restore its damaged credibility and draw a line under the most damaging PR flasco the company has faced since the tunnel opened two years ago.

But the moves were condemned by the leader of Britain's firefighters yesterday who said the Channel Tunnel should remain closed until there has been a comprehensive tightening of safety sys-tems, including the full enclofrom their cars.

Ken Cameron, general sec-retary of the Fire Brigades Union, called for an immedite public inquiry. He added: "Until such an inquiry can guarantee that safety is adequate, no one should go through the tunnel."

He accused the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority of "complacency" and said profits had been put before safety. French unions yesterday claimed the burning freight train stopped in the tunnel be-cause a safety alarm disabled the engine.

A spokesman for the CGT union said: "The instructions

exit.
"In the case of Monday's train, the driver intended to divert to the safety tunnel but an alarm cut in which

brought the train to a hait."
Colin Brown, deputy
research director of the Consumers' Association, said Eurotunnel's operating licence should be withdrawn following the flasco.

"We should not have to rely on people lying on the floors with serviettes soaked in Coca-Cola in order to survive a train fire," he said. No decision has been taken

on when car-carrying ser-vices will restart, Le Shuttle retail director, Bruce McKendrick, said last night. Eurotunnel yesterday adday's blaze had been far

worse than originally With at least 600 metres of the tunnel damaged, engi-neers are reported to expect repairs to take "months rather than weeks". Some of the rolling stock has fused

with the metal track. The undamaged half of the freight train has been pulled out of the tunnel at Calais, but the burned-out section

fire.
Mr Bertrand said the investigation into the blaze would examine reports the freight train was already on fire when it entered the tunnel.
"It may be there were the besure of freight wagons and ginnings of a fire early on detect." he conceded.



Insurance relieves financial gloom

Luke Hardina

S Eurotunnel executives contemplated the scale of the damage yesterday, they could be forgiven for thinking that, in the words of the song, Things Can Only Get Better.

The firm was faced with an £8.8 billion overdraft, even before a lorry on its freight shuttle burst into flames. Yesterday, some insurance

experts put the final bill for Monday night's fire at £200 million, although others dismiss that as "a bit steep". What is not in doubt is that Eurotunnel is losing a lot every day the tunnel remains | debts of almost £9 billion. closed. While Le Shuttle.

remain suspended, it forfeits £1 million a day in revenue. Its share of the Christmas market is also likely to be reduced as the ferry companies lay on extra services. But the fire's financial im-

pact on Eurotunnel will certainly be softened by its comprehensive insurance policies. Yesterday, the firm disclosed it had taken out insurance to cover third-party liability in the event of an accident. The policies also cover repairs and, crucially, loss of

earnings. Transport analysts yester day described the cost of the incident as a "drop in the ocean" compared to existing Mark McVicar, a trai

but it does not last. It is not going to make a difference to the success or failure of the

refinancing package."
Although Eurotunnel's credibility with passengers has undoubtedly taken a beating, the banks who effectively own it have no intention of calling in their debts, analysts say, and the firm's longterm future appears assured.

Before the fire the service was buoyant: last month. more than 241,000 tourist vehicles, nearly 7.700 coaches and more than 60,000 lorries used its shuttle trains. It also carried more than 230,000 tonnes of freight. In the first Eurostar and freight services | analyst with NatWest, added: | nel's | turnover

"The world carries on. There | £363 million, and a full year | tunnel will compensate Euro-is a reaction in the short term | figure of £450 million had | star for periods when the tun-

The firm had also gradually been increasing its share of cross-Channel traffic, with 7.5 million passengers so far this year, compared with 3.5 million in the same period last year. Now, though, the ferry companies are striking back. Yesterday Stena Sealink

signalled it was "actively con-sidering" increasing its 25 round trips a day between Dover and Calais, while P&O has postponed the refurbish-ment of one of its freight ships to meet extra demand. Contractual details between Eurotunnel and Eurostar, the

Channel Tunnel train com-

star for periods when the tunnel is unavailable for use.

Eurostar, which runs 44 trains a day between London's Waterloo station and Paris and Brussels, can expect to carry between 10,000 and 12,000 passengers a day. although its variety of ticket prices makes estimates of its daily revenue difficult. While the tunnel remains closed. Eurostar has been chartering two aircraft and offering a full refund service.

But every cloud has a silver lining, "If the system is closed you don't have to spend money on things like electricity." Mr McVicar pointed out. It may not make much differever, it is understood Euro- but it is a start.

Tunnel blaze driver leaves hospital to find his job gone

HE had braved searing blackness, and choking fumes, icrites Luke Harding. But far from being halled as a hero. lorry driver Wilson Mawhinney (below), who was caught up in the Channel Tunnel blaze, was told yes-

terday: "You're fired". Mr Mawhinney, aged 31. learned he was jobless when he rang his firm to say he had been released from hospital in France.
"It's not fair, but what in

life is fair?", he said. Mr Mawhianey was treated in Boulogne hospital after inhaling toxic fumes when he was trapped in a smoke-filled compartment on Le Shuttle.
"I thought I was dell-

nitely going to die. I just thought 'Oh God, this is it," His cargo of catalogues

went up in flames. He said that he rang his employer at the Northern Ireland firm of T J Hood to let him know he was safe but that the lorry had been

badly damaged.
"I asked him where that left me. He replied: Unfortunately, redundant'.

"I lost all my possessions in that lorry, not only my passport, driving licence and money but all my clothes as well."

Derek Hume, his em-ployer, said be was only He was hoping to hire a vehicle until a replacement could be bought.



£1bn youth justice system 'is failing all concerned'

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

ORE than £1 billion a year is being spent on an inefficient juvenile justice system which is less effective than a decade ago, according to an Audit Commission report published today. That damning indictment in the report. Misspent Youth, says fewer teenagers were actually convicted in the courts

its documentation of the tailure of the way the criminal justice system deals with Little teenage offenders each year is expected to have a significant impact on the political debate on youth crime.

than in the mid-1980s.

li also warns that urgent

- now the peak age of offending for young men.
"The present arrangements

are failing young people — who are not being guided away from offending to con-structive activities. They are also failing victims." it says. Commission controller Andrew Foster said: "The whole youth courts process needs a systematic overhaul ... to break the cycle of anti-social behaviour that has be-

for so many young people." The report says 60 per cent of young criminals are cau-tioned by police, but few have to do anything that questions their behaviour. It is particu-

come the day to day reality

Ottending by young people and action by the criminal justice system 19%

action is needed to avert a de- larly critical of youth courts

Total 7,000,000 offences by young people each year Croared up by police

schemes 'to address juvenile

offending behaviour directly'

mographic "crime bomb" as which deal with two out of the population begins to bulge five juvenile criminals in in the 18 to 20-year-old age England and Wales. It found it can take 70 to 170 days for an offender to be arrested and sentenced by one of these courts, with an average of four appearances needed.

those prosecuted in youth their cases dismissed or dis-continued. At 10 out of 12 sites visited, little or no work was being done with young offenders to stop them re-offending. The report says if about 20

per cent of juveniles - those accused of less serious offences - were sent to programmes such as Northamp-tonshire's "Caution plus" rather than to courts then about £40 million a year would be released for such schemes addressing their criminal behaviour.
But the independent sur-

ey, based on a survey of 600 criminals sentenced by the youth courts and interviews with 100 more on supervision orders, says that a lot more needs to be done to prevent young people offending in the first place. It advocates action to tackle

root causes like poor parent-ing, rising school exclusions, lack of pre-school education in high crime areas, depriva-tion, unemployment and lack of training.



Police 'must earn Asian trust' in riot city

Alan Travis

THE Audit Commission says money spent sending second or third time young offenders through a lengthy, meffective youth court system could be better used on schemes to "address their offending behaviour directly".

Among schemes it says do Caution plus: Used by Northamptonshire diversion unit. Offender is cautioned and agrees to pay compensa ion to victim whom he or she may meet. Team produces 'action plan" to stop further

offending. Average cost per

case is £620 — a quarter that of going through the youth court. Police decided whether to caution or prosecute.

teachers, probation, social ser vices and youth justice workers, dealt with 656 yours people in 1994/95. Only 35 per cent re-offend after 18 months □ Halt programme: Seventy schemes in the Netherlands, where under-18s can be referred by police if they admit gullt and have not been on

prosecuted New Zealand family group The unit, staffed by police,

it more than twice. Compensa tion and shaming important elements. For example, young people cleaning up graffiti ear distinctive uniforms. Halt worker contacts offender

Report recommends alternative and then the victim. Arranges direct reparation and work relevant to the offence - if possible, for the victim - with payment of damages and/or extra education. Claims a 40 per cent reoffending rate compared with 80 per cent of those

> conferences: Introduced in 1989 and based on Maori methods of conflict resolution as an alternative to going to court. Aims to "empower" families to make decisions about their children and exercise authority over them. Also mediates etween victim and offender. A professional worker arranges a meeting of the Juve nile, their extended family and victim at a neutral venue to agree reparation and action commissioned by the Bradto prevent repetition. Fifty per ford Congress, representing the local authority, police, cent of victims say they are

Peter Hetherington FAILURE by police to operate with the consent of the Asian community in Bradford was high-

ighted yesterday as a principal reason leading to rioting almost 18 months ago, pictured above. But it was the unacceptable behaviour of a small minority of youths, "ignorant" of the means of acceptable protest, that produced a heavy police response, according to an inquiry into the three day dis-turbances. The inquiry was

unions, and business

The inquiry report paints a | took local councillors and | not know what his reasons | stand and relate to cultural depressing picture of a failure by various agencies to learn the lessons of Lord Scarman's damning report into the edly heavy-handed arrest of causes of the Brixton riots in the early 1980s.

versionary" to suggest that the riots occurred because West Yorkshire police were "We accept that in too many gress to produce the report individual cases too many people experienced ...

The riots, in the Manningham district of the city. left a trail of burned-out cars, shattered windows and looted

It was "superficial and di-

community groups by surprise, arose out of grievances that surfaced over the allegtwo youths.

But attempts yesterday at reaching a consensus over the causes, and possible solutions, were undermined when one member of the commission appointed by the contrade unionist Mohammed

Tag, refused to sign it.
The other two members were Shella Allen, a sociologist from the London School of Economics, and John Barratt, a solicitor and Bradhops.
Damage was estimated at £1 clerk. "He has not said why

are." said Mr Barratt. The report identifies ethnic

lack of employment opportunities and perceptions of racial divisions as the points raised by 200 people interiewed by the commission. Throughout the report, the

team makes clear the feeling that only a small number of youths were responsible for the rioting.

We reject as superficial the suggestion that the disorders occurred because Asian parents had lost control of a generation," it said. Police, the report acknowledged, had taken positive steps in the area, although it

groupings other than the conflict, misunderstandings, lar the local Kashmiri community.

The authors said that, while their report was not directly concerned with economic regeneration, steps to improve Job prospects in the area were crucial for all sections of the Bradford community.

"A city divided into a traditional white economy and a separate Asian economy, with African Caribbeans struggling to find a place, is not capable of realising its potential."

million. The violence, which he would not sign it, and I do pointed to a failure to under-The Bradford Commission

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Snow in the Pentland Hills near Edinburgh yesterday. Although normality was returning in most areas after Tuesday's blizzards, thousands of homes in North and central Wales were still without electricity. The supplier, Manweb, said it was working flat out to reconnect supplies but Plaid Cymru MP Elfyn Llwyd said: 'We get the same excuses year after year' PHOTOGRAPH: MURDO MECLEON

England falls behind in maths

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent NGLISH schoolchildren are falling behind other countries in mathematics but are among the world leaders in science, according to the largest ever educational study. Tests involving 500,000 stu-

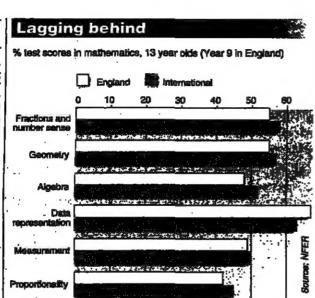
dents in 40 countries showed the performance of 13-year-olds in English schools had deteriorated compared with other countries since a study five years ago, according to ematics and Science Study published yesterday.

cific rim countries and eastern European countries like Bulgaria, Russia and Hungary. In western Europe, England was on a par with Denmark and Germany but lower than Austria, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

But in science England was the equal or better than the rest of western Europe and behind only four of the countries surveyed: Japan, Korea, Sin-gapore and the Czech Repub-lic. England did slightly better than Scotland in maths and much better in science.

increased classroom time devoted to science since the introduction of the national curriculum could be one reason for the improvement, Republic 547; Switzerland said Wendy Keys, co-author 545; France 538; Hungary

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of the report. During the same | also investigating curricu period maths teaching had | lum teaching methods and at been cut by about 20 minutes a week in English schools. She and fellow researchers at the National Foundation

lum, teaching methods and at-titudes of teachers and pupils in all countries involved. Apart from denting the image of Scotland's superior for Educational Research are education, the study ques-

Mathematics: top 20 countries

pear-olds (Year 9 in England): Singapore 643; Korea 607; Japan 605; Hong Kong 588; Belgium 565; Czech Republic 564; Slovak

Maths mean test scores for 13- | 537; Russian Federation 585; Ireland 527; Canada 527; Sweden 519; New Norway 503; United States 500; Latvia 493; Spain 487 (International average 513).

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There was a bigger span in the marks of Japanese chil-

English pupils below the international average in all ex-

cept data handling.
Cverall, English pupils got
53 per cent of the answers
right; compared with an international average of 55 per cent: Children in Singapore, the top performers, got 79 per cent right, with Japan a close

English and Scottish classrooms with pupils getting only 48 and 47 per cent of questions right respectively. Nearly half the English pu-pils could not say how many

times a runner would need to complete a quarter-kilometre course to run five kilometres. Cheryl Gillan, the schools minister, halled the science results and said national curriculum tests for 11-year-olds showed a big improvement this year. The government was setting up numeracy cen-tres to improve primary maths teaching and had revised the national curricuturn with more emphasis on algebra and arithmetic. Labour said the findings

were an appalling indictment for the Tories.

Ridings authority the marks of Japanese children than in England although the Japanese had a higher proportion of high-scoring students. The study tested children in six maths areas, showing English munits below the in-

John Carvel and Sarah Ryle

*HE education authority responsible for the Ridings school in Halifax yesterday risked open war-fare with Gillian Shephard, ry, rejected her demand for a prompt inspection of its ser-vices to pupils and parents at

Michael Higgins, chairman of education at Calderdale council, said priority should be given to restoring good schooling at the Ridings, which had to close temporarily last month after a break-down of discipline. He sugested that discussions about the Government's request for Chris Woodhead, the chief inspector, to examine the authority's entire operations

should be postponed until January. Mrs Shephard was understood to be furious last night about the council's "inadequate" response and consid-ering retaliation. She is seek-

ing powers in the Education Bill to order the inspection of local education authorities. Officials were exploring the extent of her authority to order an immediate inspec-

tion of all Calderdale schools to get a full picture by other The row flared when Mrs the council's decision to refer the issue to an education subcommittee, Mr Woodhead had a team standing by to start

the inspection on December 2. "Calderdale's handling of the Ridings school has achieved national notoriety. It is outrageous that the local education authority should be anything other than wholly co-operative in welcoming an independent Ofsted inspec-tion," she said.

Mr Higgins said he did welcome the proposal, but his "priority is to ensure that the Ridings school continues to receive extensive support... That effort should not be dishard of picking a fight with Calderdale to distract attention from the results of an international study showing English schools trailing badly

The row also came as business leaders savaged her claims that standards in schools have improved over the last five years.

As Mrs Shephard boasted

that the latest round of league tables showed pupils doing better than ever, the Institute of Directors argued that the results were based on inflated

Tim Melville-Ross, its director general, said: "Our members are the customers of the education system and they are very concerned about the of young people coming into

employment. The improvement in exam results in England is significantly higher than it is in Scotland which has a different education system. We believe that this can only be due to grade inflation of GCSEs

The IoD is especially wor-ried about poor primary level education. The head of its pol-icy unit, Ruth Lea, said: "Gil-lian Shephard was telling us the other day how wonderful the reading standards of 11year-olds is now, but we think they look pretty dire."

She said children were not rupted". He suggested a meeting in January. "We are not dragging our feet."

Labour accused Mrs Shepof languages and maths.

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Punch editor gets KO

HE man who helped to exhume the corpse of Punch was yesterday consigned to the magazine's editorial graveyard. Peter McKay received the knock-out punch yesterday afternoon after he refused

to drop his new weekly column in the Daily Mail. He was appointed editor nearly nine months ago and had presided over the £3 million rebirth of the magazine after its 14-year ab-sence from newsstands and

sence from newsstands and dentists' waiting rooms. He was the 14th editor in its 155-year history.

Last night Stewart Steven, chairman of Mohamed al Fayed's Liberty Publishing, said the action followed "contractual differences" that could not be resolved.

resolved. Mr McKay, aged 54, has enjoyed a colourful Fleet Street career as a columnist on the Evening Standard and victim of the Private Eye sobriquets "Peter McLie" and "the world's

worst".

His billing in the Daily Mail this week — "Introducing a brilliant new columnist" — precipitated his downfall at Punch. It is understood his con

tract, worth an estimated £175,000, included a clause requiring him not to write for other publications dur-ing the first year.

Mr McKay — schooled in the old journalistic tradi-tion of long lunches and generous expenses — was not available for comment. He is the second casualty

since the relaunch. After just six issues, another ex-ecutive. Mike Molloy, former editor of the Daily Mirror, parted company with the magazine.
Punch relaunched in

September with a 1 million copy print run. Sales have settled at around 50,000 and sources at Liberty ad-mit it will be a long haul, although Mr al Fayed has

When United, the former owners, closed the magazine in 1992 sales had dropped to just 32,000. Mr Steven, former editor of the Mail on Sunday and Eve-ning Standard, will be act-



Peter McKay: declined to drop Daily Mail column

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Leading on Europe's fast track Royal

These days Chancellor Kohl prefers to talk of flexibility than of a hard core Europe, but his determination to implement joint policy-making by a small number of integrated EU states is unchanged.

lan Traynor reports, in the fourth of his series, on Germany's quest to see Europe start to wield power before the proposed EU expansion to eastern Europe further dilutes the capacity for united action



T WAS in September 1994 that Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl's Christian Democrats raised eyetals by floating the notion of a "hard core" Europe that would put Germany, France, and the Benelux states on a fast track to integration.

Two years on there is a lot less talk in Bonn of the hard core, and use of the term invites a rebuke from the Kohl camp. The preferred word to describe German strategy on the European Union is "flexi-bility". The hard core concept has not been ditched. It is merely being dressed in more soothing language. To Karl Lammers, the joint

author of the controversial strategy paper, the original term has not become taboo. "The core Europe idea is now accepted by the key countries, with the exception of Britain There has to be a core to month in an exposition of

Such views, which might rankle in London, are not contentious in Bonn. An op-position foreign policy adviser said there was "no alternative" to the hard core

Karl Dietrich Bracher, an influential Bonn historian, added: "That's the way it will happen. That's the way history moves. Some [EU members] who can't move at once will stay a bit behind and the original European six — or even five, without Italy — will have a little more speed." His remarks highlight the

idea that — if Bonn has its way — the EU could be moving forward to embrace eastern Europe while simultaneously, in a sense regressing to first principles. in a sense. In essence, the hard core is the original 1960s community of six - Germany, France, the Benelux states of Bel-gium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, and Italy. But there is a key difference: a bigger, unified Germany in-stead of the old West Germany, and Italy, at least initially perhaps, supplanted by Austria. This would tip the

ance away from the Frenchled Latin element In developing the hard core strategy, Chancellor Kohl got hold the whole thing France's President Jacques together," he wrote last Chirac on board last December for the fast-track inside man foreign policy journal. | last month in a Franco-Ger- | resolve.



man paper calling for the in-sertion of a "flexibility clause" into the Maastricht

This would allow those will ing and able to pool policy-making to proceed, while refusing the right of veto to those outside the hard core. The strategy will be refined

next month when another Kohl-Chirac proposal is ex-pected to emerge from a Franco-German summit a week before the EU summit in Dublin. Axiomatic to the German

case is the determination to be able eventually to project power internationally, for original Latin-Germanic balreasons of history not in Ger many's but Europe's name. The sorry tale of European division and impotence in the face of the Bosnia disaster has

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Heimut Kohl: European division and impotence over the Bosnia crisis added to his resolve to make Europe powerful

This week's move by the Italian government to levy a special single-currency tax is the stuff of which Bundesbank nightmares are made. Increasingly, the German emphasis on elegibility for the single currency is on the sustainability of economic measures rather than quick-fixes aimed at making next year's

statistics look good. The Germans' eagerness to get the hard core concept up and running stems partly from fear that the proposed expansion to eastern Europe will dilute the EU's capacity for concerted action and pol

icy-making.
This invites the question how will Boon react if its pol-lcy falls in the short term. Neectiations with the east Europeans are supposed to start inter-governmental confer- Germany

ence ending in Amsterdam

The German word is Hand lungsfühigkeit - the capacity for action. This quality, Bonn nsists, is the prerequisite for expansion — meaning hard core integration and no more national vetoes. Otherwise the union will be crippled and its relevance as an international power player undermined.

Formally, the Germans are keen on expansion to the east. But there is a good chance that there will be no break-through on the hard core in

If Bonn does not get its way in Amsterdam on the 1950s union of six, its enthusiasm for the year 2000 union of about 20 could fade.

wedding rumours in Spain

Wgripped Spain's royal watchers as speculation grows that the heir to the throne, Prince Pelipe, could become engaged to Princese Tatians of Lichtenstein, a 23-year sidered an idea; choice.

Epoca ran a cover story this week suggesting their enced in the spring. The french inagetine Point de French inagetine Point de Vue, which specialises in Buropean royal families, went further, claiming "Fe-lipe has chosen Tatiana". There is little suggestion

that they are in love, rather that there is pressure on the prince to see her as a suitable partner. According to Jaime Pena

fiel, an expert on the mon-archy, the "disastrous experience of the Windsors perience of the Windsors and those dreadful girls, Diana and Sarah" weighs on the Spanish royal family, who fear the monarchy, restored 21 years ago after the death of General Franco, could not withstand similar scandals.

Although King Juan Car.

Although King Juan Car-los and Queen Sofia bave repeatedly said their chil-dren should be free to marry whom they wish, there is little doubt that they would welcome a match with Princess Ta-tians, who is pretty, royal,

candal-free and rick Queen Sofia, whose own family lost the Greek throne, is said to feel that only a royal born to the job is capable of resisting the

pressures it brings.
The princess, daughter of
Prince Hans Adam II of
Lichtenstein and Princess Maria, appears to have been grouned for the job. She moved to Spain three years ago, learned Spanish and enrolled at a Madrid business school.

Spain's monarchist lobby is keen for the prince to marry and produce an heir. But the prince, who will be 29 in January, seems am-bivalent. His girlfriends to date have been rather more feisty than Princess Tatians. And he once said that he did not feel obliged to choose a wife from the European nobility, adding: really rather limited."

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Yeltsin falters into Minsk crisis

David Hearst in Moscow

ISIBLY frailer, President Boris Yeltsin took his first tentative steps in front of a television camera yesterday, assuring sceptical Russians that he was "ready for battle" after his heart

operation.

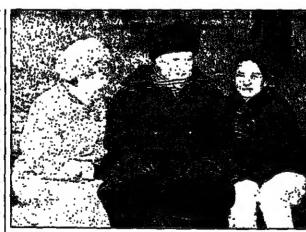
But he walked straight into trouble with his Belarussian neighbour President Alexander Lukashenka, who rejected Moscow's efforts to mediate in his row with parliament over plans to extend his con-stitutional powers.

Mr Yeltsin had not been seen on Russian television

His reappearance was can-celled twice, and Russians

were glued to their sets to see how well he walked, talked His speech was firmer than

his gait: he soon had to sit down on a park bench conveniently placed in the grounds of the central hospital. "I can't say that I'm firmly on my feet, but still the doctors have done their job," he said. He added that he had



Boris Yesitin, flanked by his wife Naina and granddaughter Masha, rests on a hospital bench in Moscow yesterday

that the operation produced the results."

Warning of his impending arrival back on the political scene, he said he would be calling his ministers and min-

ions to account.

"Yesterday I starting asking [Prime Minister Viktor]
Chernomyrdin to give an account. And the same with the others — make a report on that he has been done what is suffered considerable angina pains before his quintuple bywhat has been done, what is to be done, what you intend to pass operation.
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Mr Yeltşin held a 40-minute telephone conversation with Mr Lukashenko, who has put his republic into turmoil by his plan to hold a referendum on Sunday on a new constitu-tion that would greatly in-

to attend a peace meeting arranged by the Russians with his opponent Semyon Sharetsky, the chairman of the Re-

crease his powers.
But Mr Lukashenko failed

even speak about the cancel-lation," he said. Both parliament and the Belarus constitutional court have declared Mr Lukashen ka's referendum illegal, and

several Western countries have strongly criticised it. The chairman of the court, Valery Tichinya, said that the new constitution would make Belarus "a Haiti in the middle

taken place in the Russian city of Smolyensk, midway between the Belarussian capi-tal Minsk and Moscow. Mr

Chernomyrdin was also due In the event, only Mr Sharetsky and two Russian perlia-

mentary leaders turned up.
A compromise hinted at the night before sank when Mr

Lukashenko insisted that he would proceed with the poll.
"The referendum in Be-

larus on the adoption of the new constitution will be held

without question and we can't

of Europe".

Last Friday the chairman of the central election commission was thrown bodily out of his office by armed police after he declared the referen-dum a fraud.

There has been no control on the number of ballot papers printed by Mr Luka-shenka, and papers have been distributed without indepen

Belgian deputy PM goes before inquiry into child-sex allegations

ical life after allegations of sex with under-age boys, went to give evidence yes-terday to the parliamen-Read the story behind the headlines on: tary commission investigating the charges, RTBF tele-Misspent Youth: Young People and Crime

Mr Di Rupo hotly denies the allegations, and the commission has to decide whether the evidence is strong enough to warrant recommending the Belgian parliament to lift his immunity from prosecution and send him before the Cour de Cassation, the country's

Members of the commission have said the case against Mr Di Rupo is thin.

THE Belgian deputy without going through the prime minister, Klio Di procedure [of lifting his Rupo, fighting for his polit-constitutional immunity]," one commission member. Albert Gehlen, said. But the research minis-

ter, Yvan Ylieff - like Mr Di Rupo a Francophone Socialist - said yesterday that there was very little in the dossier on Mr Di Ripo. It contained evidence from one man who claimed to have met Mr Di Rupo several years ago. News-papers echoed Mr Ylieff's account, saying the single witness, now in jail, referred to Mr Di Rupo's alleged involvement with him and under-aged boys in

1989 and 1990. Three of the four govern-ment parties said that if the "We are looking into the possibility of letting Mr Di Rupo be heard by the court formation.—Reuter

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Clinton coaxes reluctant China

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong

ILL CLINTON put China at the centre of American foreign policy for his second term yesterday, muting his concern for human rights and portraying China as a great power which will decide whether the 21st century

brings peace or war.
In Canberra on the first leg
of an Asian tour, Mr Clinton told the Australian parlia-ment that Washington would keep 100,000 troops in the Pa-cific but did not seek to "con-tain" China's growing mili-tary and economic might.

"What the United States wants is to sustain an engagement with China," he said in his first major foreign policy speech since defeating Bob Dole. The speech ends a policy debate in Washington paralleling earlier arguments about "engaging" with South Africa under apartheid.

"The direction China takes in the years to come, the way What the United States

in the years to come, the way it defines its greatness in the future, will help to decide-whether the next century is one of conflict or co-opera-tion," he said.

But his call for a "new partnership" found little echo in Beijing, where the old prob-lem of Taiwan clouded the first day of a visit by the US nership" found little echo in Beijing, where the old problem of Taiwan clouded the first day of a visit by the US secretary of state, Warran Christopher.

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This is only Mr Christoher's second visit to China

US may allow nuclear sales

THE United States said yesterday that it might allow American companies to sell limited types of nuclear technology to China, for peaceful use.

The decision was an nounced by Warren Christo-pher in Beijing after talks in which, he said, China prom-ised to "formulate and adopt comprehensive nationwide regulations on nuclear export controls".

China has yet to meet all Washington's conditions for selling it peaceful nuclear technology, set out in a 1985 agreement. — Reuter

more than 20 trips to the Syrian capital Damascus. The previous one, in 1994, ended in flasco, with a round-up of dissidents, a cancelled banquet and the US party eating alone in its hotel.

That and a subsequent

downward spiral in Sino-US relations has encouraged speculation that the People's Liberation Army now dominates Chinese foreign affairs. Relations between Washington People's the People's Relations between Washington People Spiring followers and Beijing followers.

ers a rebel province.
Diplomats say Mr Christo-pher will finalise a long-de-

layed visit to the US by Chl-na's defence minister, Gen-eral Chi Haotian next month. The Chinese army is deeply suspicious of US intentions, seeing its recent security

agreements with Australia and Japan as a plot Beijing accuses Washington of launching a "new cold war".

"The United States has no interest in containing China.

That is a negative strategy,"
Mr Clinton said. He will
repeat the message on Sunday
to the Chinese president,
Jiang Zemin, at the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation onference in Manila.

But China wants action on

Taiwan, which continues to buy most of its weapons from the US, despite Washington's promise to phase out its sales promise to phase out its sales:

"We can only be reassured
when this promise turns into
a reality." the Chinese foreign minister, Gian Qichen,
told Mr Christopher yesterday in Beijing. "China is most
concerned about massive
sales by the US of advanced

sales by the US of advanced weapons to Taiwan."

This summer America delivered the first of 150 F-16 warplanes ordered by Taiwan when George Bush was in the White House to counter China's purchase of Russian Su 27 planes. Experts say a military balance now exists across the Taiwan Strait.
But a new armaments

spiral could begin if China acquires an airborne early warning radar system. Among Western firms keen to sell such equipment to Beij-



Miss Macedonia poses before Saturday's Miss World contest. Protesters say they will set themselves on fire in the stadium 🛚 PHOTOGRAPH: SHERWIN CRASTO

Indian women plan suicide protest at Miss World contest

THE name of Kinay Narayana Shashikala could be on more lips than the winner of Saturday's Miss World competition if she carries out her threat to lead a multiple suicide pro-test against the contest.

Ms Shashikala, a law student who leads the Mahila Jagran Samiti (Forum for

Awakening Women), is Ms Shashikala and her fighting the exploitation of supporters say they will women in India. She fears mingle with the expected that shows like Miss World crowd of 20,000 and set that shows like Miss World undermine Indian culture. An estimated 2 billion

their saris alight after swal-lowing cyanide. "Whatever viewers in 115 countries will watch the three-hour the level of security, we will sneak in. We don't need extravaganza to be held at | petrol to douse ourselves. Bangalore's Chinnaswamy cricket stadium. our nylon saris are inflam-

Ms Shashikala said she would withdraw her threat if a strike called by a local leader of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party succeeded in stop

One man has already burnt himself to protest against the pageant being staged in India. — Renter.

News in brief

Tasmania gunman silent on motive

THE AUSTRALIAN who killed 35 people in a shooting spree at a Tasmanian tourist resort knows he faces a life sentence but refuses to say why he committed the massacre, his lawyer told the Tasmanian supreme court yesterday. Martin Bryant, aged 29, has pleaded guilty to the murders at Port Arthur, near Hobart, on April 28. He is due to be sentenced tomorrow.

His defense lawyer, John Appress told the court that Bryant.

His defence lawyer, John Avery, told the court that Bryant had refused to say why he opened fire. He added that Bryant was not criminally insane and revelled in the notoriety he had gained. — AP, Hobart.

Links between blacks urged

THE United States civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, on a week ione visit to Brazi ed for blacks in the two c closer relations by building a "cultural canal".

"The African-American family has been separated from the Afro-Brazilian family for too long," he said. "Now we must... build a canal between these families. Just as the Panama Canal connects two oceans for trade, we must build a cultural canal." More than half Brazil's 156 million population claims African ancestry. Mr Jackson's visit coincides with Brazil's black consciousness week. — Agencies, Brasilia.

Mladic fights his corner

GENERAL Ratko Miadic, defying his dismissal as commander of the Bosnian Serb army and supported by his senior generals, met President Biljana Playsic yesterday to discuss a compromise, military sources said.

Ms Pizveic talked to Gen Mizdic at his east Bosnian headquar-ters in Han Piesak, from where he has fought attempts by the civilian authorities to replace his wartime command with junior

officers hastily promoted to general rank.

The sources said Ms Plavsic regretted having yielded to pressure from the former president Radovan Karadzic and Moncilo Krajisnik, the Bosnian Serb member of Bosnia's inter-ethnic presidency, to dismiss Gen Mladic.

Meanwhile, in Sarajevo, Britain's Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker banded over command of international ground forces in Bosnia to the US general William Crouch. — Reuter.

LA drug dealer gets life

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THE former Los Angeles crack-cocaine dealer "Freeway" Ricky Ross has been jailed for life, without chance of parole, in a case which the black community says has suggested links between drug suppliers and the Central Intelligence Agency. Many black Americans have called the sentence racist.

Ross, a 36-year-old African-American, was supplied with cocaine by Oscar Danilo Blandon, a Nicaraguan exile, who used the

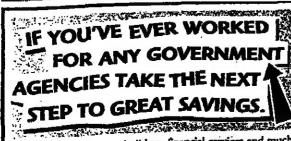
money to help finance the CIA supported contra war against the socialist government in Managua. Mr Blandon, himself jailed for drug dealing, was released from prison early when he became a ernment informant

Outside the court in San Diego, Ross's mother Annie said: "Over and over, the government tries to destroy the black race. The CIA let the contras sell drugs to black people and the government didn't care." — Christophar Reed, Los Angeles.

Old soldier's fiery protest

A DISABLED Israeli army veteran was badly hurt when he set himself on fire outside the defence ministry in Tel Aviv yesterday. His daughter said it was a desperate appeal for state aid to buy a

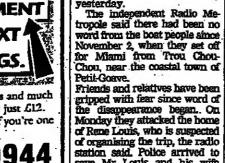
Israel Radio said the man, aged about 60, was accompanied by his daughter when he set fire to himself. — Reuter, Tel Auto.



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AP in Port-au-Prince

save Mr Louis and his wife



Supporters give the fascist salute to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the death of General Franco, at the Valley of the Fallen Basilica near Madrid.

EU takes America to court over Cuba

Washington threatens to ignore any ruling against Clinton's contentious and 'politically motivated' legislation, reports Mark Tran in New York

Europe and the United States escalated sharply yesterday as American officials threatened yesterday to disregard any World Trade Organisation that goes against the much-criticised US Helms-Burton law that aims to penalise countries trading with Cuba.

The American warning came as a newly created court established under the WTO in Geneva agreed to hear the European Union's legal chal-lenge to Helms-Burton by the European Union, pushing the US into a tighter corner over a law that is proving highly unpopular with several of Washington's key allies.

US officials said that Europe's decision to push undermine the two-year-old WTO, which was created spe-"We do not believe that recourse to a WTO panel will lead to a resolution of this dis-

pute," said US ambassador Booth Gardner. "On the other hand, we do believe that pro-ceeding further with this matter would pose serious risks for this new and invaluable organisation, which is at the early stages of its

The Clinton administration had hoped to avert an escalation of its dispute with the EU over Helms-Burton — named after its two Republican sponsors — by an extended delay in applying the most draco-nian provision in the law, Title III. This section allows f the death of General US citizens to sue foreign Nations last week, when 137 in this PHOTOGRAPH DENS DOWNER companies currently holding countries adopted a resoluelection.

between property which was origi-the United nally seized during the 1959 escalated Cuban revolution. Mr Clinton signed Helms-

Burton in July, but froze Title III for six months and the waiver comes up in January.

The WTO's new panel of three neutral trade experts is expected to return its findings by mid-1997. European officials told the WTO that the EU did not contest the official aim of Helms-Burton to bring democracy to communistruled Cuba, but it did object to the way the US sought to impose its will on other countries.

If Washington does disregard a WTO judgment against it cifically to resolve such the fledgling trade body could be

fatally undermined

The US has found itself iso lated over the Helms-Burton law. Earlier this month, Latin American countries condemned the law at the sixth annual Ibero-American a summit in the Chilean capital, Santiago. In their first such concerted action, the 23 leaders urged the US to reconsider the application of

the law, which goes against international principles." America's isolation on the Cuba issue was further highlighted by a vote at the United tion calling for an end to the 30-year-old US trade embargo

Britain emphasised its anger with the United States over Helms-Burton by voting for the resolution, instead of abstaining as it has done in the past four votes. Britain has been especially critical of the "extraterritorial" scope of the US law.

The European challenge to Helms-Burton at the WTO is an important test case for the fledgling organisation, if the US carries out its threat to disregard an unfavourable ruling, the organisation could be fatally undermined.

The US has argued that the matter is not a trade matter but a foreign policy and national security issue linked would be entitled to disregard a WTO decision on national security grounds.

The other 124 members of the WTO fear that such a move could set an unhealthy precedent for others to ignore WTO rulings on the same pre-text. The WTO is already under some suspicion in Con-gress, which feared the scegress, which realed the ste-nario now playing itself out, with bureaucrats sitting in Geneva making unfavourable rulings against measures passed by Congress.

America's allies are particularly contemptuous of the Helms-Burton measure as they believe that it was signed by President Clinton for purely domestic political

Mr Clinton initially opposed the measure, but changed tack when Cuban fighters shot down two planes piloted by Cuban-American activists off the Cuban coast last February.

Diplomats also believe that Mr Clinton signed the law to curry favour with Cuban emi-gres in New Jersey and Flor-ida, states which he carried in this month's presidential

Colombia plans to make Cali cartel pay Haitians fear 200 on illegal voyage are Mary Matheson reports from Bogotá on | lost at sea

whether congress will finally pass laws to toughen up sentences on drug traffickers

N LA PICOTA maximum serving eight years and security prison in Bogotá, return to freedom with most of his fortune intact.

Colombia is notorious for EARLY 200 people on an illegal boat voyage to the United States are missing and feared drowned, a Haitian aspirins and even Côte d'Or radio station reported yesterday. The independent Radio Me chocolate from Belgium. Under a sign reading "Poor Miguel's Shop", it is run by Miguel Rodriguez, the billion-aire leader of the infamous

Cali drug cartel. Mr Rodriguez, who has hidden most of his wealth in an intricate system of front com-panies, is also taking a busi-ness studies course. The activities cut a third off his sentence, and a further third could be knocked off if he ar-

ranges a plea bargain. In the end, the godfather of

its lax narcotics laws, but congress is debating reforms to crack down on the barons who enjoy virtual impunity. The maximum sentence for

trafficking is 24 years, a far cry from the life terms awaitcry from the life terms awaiting many of the drug barons if they are prosecuted in the United States, and few serve anything like their full term.

"People get cuts for surrendering, informing on others. There are so many reductions that in the ord the justice cuts."

that in the end the justice system practically owes the criminals time," complained from the crowd. Hegal trips to one of the world's most the cnier investigator of the world's most the cnier inv

years ago.
The US government has often complained about Co-

iombia's lenient sentences and the inability to selze ille-In July, after a drug corrup-tion scandal which resulted

in him being refused a US visa, President Ernesto Samper presented congress with reforms intended to man Vargas Lleras. prove his commitment to the struggle against drugs. They included 50-year sentences for trafficking and increased authority to confiscate ill-gotten gains

But after nearly four months in congress, the bills are no nearer approval. Few Colombians believe they will prosecutor estimates that half the congress is involved in the congress is involved in Last week Cali police decay of the congress is involved in the congress is involved in Last week Cali police decay of the congress is involved in the congress in the congress in the congress is involved in the congress in the congress is involved in the congress in the congress is involved in the congress in the congress in the congress is involved in the congress in t

the Pope visited Colombia 10 during debates on the laws. The sticking point is a pro-posal to make the laws retro-active, which would make the Cali barons liable to the

harsher sentences. "If congress doesn't approve retroactivity it is as if bia for what has happened until today," said a proponent of the reforms, Senator Ger-

Eager to avoid the new laws, some Cali barons are pleading guilty in return for reduced sentences.

Colombians are terrifled that the reforms, along with a proposal to reintroduce extra-dition, may spark a violent reaction from the drug lords. In the late 1980s judges, jour-nalists and politicians in

Earlier this month the drug | building belonging to the sen- | bring economic sanctions.

Some prisoners even barons' lawyers were seen ator who has led efforts to received a reduction when mixing with MPs at congress pass the new laws, Claudia pass the new laws, Claudia Blum. "Everyone proposing these projects has been threatened in pamphlets, letters or with calls at 1.30am., Every time I go to bed I dis-connect the phone because I can't sleep," she said.

A group calling itself "National Sovereignty" has claimed responsibility. The police blame drug traffickers. If congress fails to approve the laws, Mr Samper says, he will pass them by presidential

being declared unconstitu-tional," said the political edi-tor of the national daily El Tiempo, Jesus Ortiz Nieves Failure to introduce the leg-

islation would confirm to many that Mr Samper accepted drug money for his 1994 election campaign, and Last week Cali police de-fused a car bomb outside a the United States. That could

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Bombarding Mr Brown

But yesterday's missiles were well off-target

on the basis of the previous one. Politicians take a similar approach to elections. That is why both parties believe that next year's general election will turn on tax and spending, just as the 1992 contest is generally deemed to have done. For years now, Gordon Brown has been hammering and welding Labour into an ironclad unsinkable dreadnought on spending at the same time as probing away with increasing success at the Conservatives' claims to be trustworthy on tax. Listening to the Shadow Chancellor over those long months, only the proverbial fool in a this time.

Yet this is the case which the Conservatives are committed to establishing, and, since this is the age of the permanent election campaign, they are not waiting until the election is called before trying to make their point. But it is uphill work. Mr Brown's commitment to sound finances and his rigorous insistence that fresh programmes must come from within existing resources are almost beyond serious question. He repeated these dogmas yesterday for the umpteenth time, imperiously emphasising that the only definition of a Labour commitment is one that can be found in the Road to the Manifesto document Everything else, he said, including the speeches of shadow ministers and even Tony Blair's suggestion that this or that idea was under consideration, was ruled out by the Shadow Chancellor. This approach has delighted many surprising converts in British industry and commerce and, by the same token, is the despair of some of the party's traditional supporters. But it could hardly be clearer.

Nothing is more important for the Conservative Party than to breach a hole in these meticulously engineered untrue.

GENERALS always plan the next war | defences of Mr Brown's. That is why they launched a serious pre-dawn bombardment against them yesterday. releasing a document claiming to expose 89 different Labour spending commitments costing an alleged £30 billion pounds, the equivalent to £1,200 in extra taxes for the average family every year. It did not, however, work as the strategists had hoped. The way in which the document was released, amid claims that it was authorised by Sir Robin Butler, rightly caused an indignant reaction in Whitehall. And close examination of the Conservative allegations does not bear many of them out, as hurry could seriously imagine that Labour's enthusiastic counter-bom-Labour is in taxing and spending mode bardment went some way to show yesterday afternoon. The Tories have not shot their bolt, but they certainly spoiled their own case by exaggeration and by unrepentant over-confidence. In the end, the Conservatives may have loosened a few rivets in the ironclad but Labour strategists are right that the Tories have used too much of their best ammunition too early.

The Tories have always believed that they can do lots of damage to Labour on tax and spend policy. Some strategists see it as their number one election winning issue, much as it was in 1992. That is why they tried so hard yesterday. A week before the Budget, they planned to create a momentum which will enable Kenneth Clarke to put the party on the comeback trail in the polls. But the Tories do not enjoy the luxury of the nip-and-tuck party battle of 1991-92. They are so far adrift from Labour today that they need to start their electoral recovery much earlier in the cycle than they did last time. Yesterday was an act of calculated desperation. It didn't work. And it didn't work because, though Labour's defences are not absolutely watertight on all the charges, the allegations are essentially



Britain's approach to crime policy needs a complete overhaul

looked at the reality. In a devastating report, based on extensive research into nine services which deal with juveniles, it set out a catalogue of waste, inefficiency and ineffectiveness. Remember, young people aged between 10 and 17 account for one quarter of all known crime. If unreported and unrecorded crime is included, the number of crimes of this small age group mounts to an estimated seven million a year. About £1 billion is currently spent pursuing and processing young offenders but to what effect? The Commission's figures reveal a sorry tale: of the seven million offences, a mere three per cent lead to arrest — 1.8 per cent receiving a quarter of the 1.3 per cent charged have their cases "discontinued". Just one per cent end up in court. And just 0.16 per cent receive Michael Howard's favourite recipe: custody. In a damning paragraph, the report notes: "Overall. less is done now than a decade ago to address offending by young people. Fewer young people are now convicted by the courts, and an increasing proportion of those who are found guilty are discharged."

So the Commission wants more in court and more custody? Far from it. It documents the huge costs of such procedures and the failure to intervene earlier to stop offending behaviour. It costs offender and a further £2,500 to prose a solution. It's an opt out.

FORGET the law-and-order rhetoric. | cute the offender successfully. The av-Yesterday the Audit Commission erage offender goes to youth court four times before sentence but some have up to 10 appearances. The average gap between arrest and sentence is 120 days. Few sentences "are sufficiently intensive to challenge the behaviour of persistent offenders in ways that are likely to be effective."

Instead, the Commission points to programmes which confront young people with their behaviour and seriously reduce re-offending rates: caution plus in Northamptonshire, the Halt projects in Holland, and family group conference schemes in New Zealand. They are not cheap - about £600 per offender in Northamptonshire — but are still one quarter of the cost of the present caution and 1.3 per cent a charge. A | court-based system which is so hopeless at changing behaviour. The Commission, set up by this government to make public services more effective, has no political axe to grind. Andrew Foster, its controller, is unequivocal about the need for "a systematic overhaul". Neither victims nor offenders are being helped. Serious offenders — a small core committing more than 20 crimes a year each — require faster processing by courts. The less serious need more imaginative programmes. Most impor-tant of all are better prevention programmes. It's a rational recipe which Labour rightly endorses but predictably — and pathetically — the Home Office's hardline ministerial gang finds £1,200 for the police to identify a young | hard to embrace. Sounding tough is not

Not so strict on Maastricht

How to reduce your budget deficit without really trying

ing Europe into a paradise for accountants. The dash to qualify for monetary union (especially the criterion requiring budget deficits to be brought down under 3 per cent of gross domestic product) has produced innovation worthy of a Turner prize. France set a cracking pace last month when the government received a one-off payment of £4.5 billion from France Telecom in exchange for taking over future pension liabilities (which will, of course, worsen government borrowing in future). Thus, at the stroke of an accountant's pen France reduced her public sector deficit by the equivalent of 0.5 per cent of GDP thereby bringing the economy close to qualifying for Maastricht. Not to be outdone. Italy has just announced a wheeze whereby it raises taxes by £2.2 billion next year in order to give it back to the same people in tax rebates and privatisation goodles from

THE MAASTRICHT Treaty is fast turn- | 1999. In this way the Italian government believes it can raise taxes to meet Maastricht terms without reneging on its promise to the electorate not to raise taxes - the Paul Daniels theory of

> economics. If Italy, like France, is allowed to get away with this then other countries like Spain and Portugal on the Mediterranean fringe will also reach for their accountants as they all - curiously seem busting keen to join Emu with the first wave of founder applicants. If monetary union is led by countries with a cavalier disregard for real economic convergence then Emu won't be the austere Deutschmark-dominated regime that Germany envisages (with severe penalties for countries whose fiscal deficits breach the 3 per cent ceiling). The interesting question is under what terms, if at all, Germany would want to join a club that had become so permissive.



Letters to the Editor

Doctors sharpen their scalpels

AM afraid Andrew Anderson must cope with another very angry, even hysterical GP (Letters, November be
same for me. In effect you provide your own locum.

You say there is no recruit.

You say there is no recruit.

We cannot pass on any of full time. Yes, I was a GP
them directly to our customonce, but I changed jobs to
once, but I changed jobs to
once which pays a lot less but
the Government.

With rising practice exVou say there is no recruit. gets his facts from but they are a million miles from my

True, many GPs delegate out-of-hours work, but the expense is met by their own reduced earnings and they remain legally responsible for their patients. Many other doctors, like myself and my partners, neither wish to dele-gate this work, nor could we even if we did want to. Where I live in west Wales there is no deputising and no locums. We have rather over 7,000 patients on our list and even if each one only calls once every 27 years, that is 260

night visits per year.
And anyway what is an average patient? Mine may be old or young rich or poor, sick or well. At night they are usually frightened and some-

You say there is no recruit-ment crisis: tell that to the doctors doing the work of two because they are unable to replace a partner who has left, or the hospitals recruiting foreign graduates as house officers because they cannot get home-grown ones to join their GP training Our self-employed status is

rather strange, I agree. We have no right to refuse the mountain of extra work for no extra pay that has been foisted on us over the past few dence in that? (Dr) Ann Jay. Penchwc, Pentrecwrt, Llandysul Dyfed SA44 5BB.

times dying.

We allow each other six weeks' holiday a year on a paired system. When my opposite number is on holiday I drop from one in four nights

UR self-employed status, far from being a benefit, is a considerable disadvantage in that we have to pay all our own costs such as staff, premises and equipment but

penses, my income this year is the same as five years ago. It is hardly surprising that the Government has never tried to change this status as it has every other aspect of our contract. (Dr) John Davies Great Ayton Health Centre, Rosehill,

Middlesbrough. Cleveland TS9 6BL. ANDREW Anderson shows a remarkable ability to

Great Ayton,

use averages to conceal what actually happens.

I don't know any GPs who
have 10 weeks' holiday a year. It is usually six weeks. The ten-year period to 1994 includes a time in the middle

1980s when general practice was still a popular career op-tion. The recruitment difficul-ties really began with the 1990 contract. The increase in GP numbers is misleading benumbers is misleading be upper Knapps, cause many are women (and Shire Lane,

Christopher Richards. 4 St Ronans Avenue, Bristol BS6 6EP.

RIC Brindle, in drawing attention to dispensing doctors' earnings (Letters, November 16), will be as-tounded to learn that these doctors receive "reimburse-ment" of Value Added Tax which has not been paid.
The list price of a dose of flu vaccine is £5.70. Nottingham GPs boast of 45 per cent dis-counts and pay the supplier £3.11, plus Vat of 51p — total

expenditure: £3.65.
The NHS reimburses £7.31, including £1.09 for Vat — a windfall profit on Vat of 55p a dose. This Vat "gift" is due to the incompetence of NHS managers in fruming the reg-ulations: they did not under-stand the difference between a net and gross price.

(Dr) Bob Bowles. some men) working less than | Lyme Regis DT7 3ET.

Briefs encounter

24 hours a day over six months. My wife informs me

that, far from impairing

reproductive potential, it would undoubtedly be

NOTE that the BBC has

banned the word weishing as

racist. I hope this will also bring an end to scotching

everything from rumours to

THE allegation made by A Taylor (Letters, November 16) that members of the public

need their postcode to report

a gas escape is nonsense. Our

staff have very clear instruc-tions to gather information to identify where there is a prob-

lem. All anyone need do to report a gas escape is phone 0800 111999 and give an address or location.

John Rodger. North Area Emergency

Services Manager, British Gas TransCo.

Garth Soar, Talsarnau,

Gwynedd LL47 6UW.

John Malcomson.

25 Victoria Road, Broomhall Park,

Sheffield S10 2DJ.

extinguished.

John Wood.

Light at the end of the Chunnel

YOUR leader addressing the public's reaction to the Channel tunnel fire (November 20) was a well-balanced appraisal. People are right to consider the risks they run when engaging in any journey, be it long or short, So the better the balance of press better the balance of press coverage of transport acc-idents, the more accurate will be the general perception of relative risks. No one lost their life in this

fire, and has yet to do so throughout the tunnel's two-year operation. Yet an average of 10 people are killed on the roads every day. It is tempting to call for safety measures to be introdured whatever the cost. But costs have to be met, and it is usually the consumer who has to do so. If this additional price on a ticket creates a deterrent to using a form of transport with a lower risk for another with a higher risk, this is counter-productive. Robert Gifford.

Executive Director, Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety. St Thomas' Hospital. Lambeth Palace Road,

London SE1 7EHL

TIRES on lorries are an everyday event. Most are DR Blomfield (Letters. November 16) refers to a Netherlands study involving the wearing of underpants for dealt with quickly and never get reported. Fires which spread to tyres and wheels are extremely hard to deal with and usually result in the loss of the vehicle and load. This happens several times a week in the UK. On a cold, wet November night, an incipient lorry fire can easily go undetected. Put this fire in a warm, dry tunnel at 60mph and the chances of it spread-ing quickly rise dramatically. Unlike most other road/rail services, there is very little time between the lorries arriving for loading and the trains entering the tunnel. If there was effective fire detec-tion before the trains went

underground, there would be no need to redesign the trains Charlie Lloyd. 42 Beck Road London E8 4RE

WHY IS everyone so sur-prised and horrified by the disastrous fire in the Chunnel? The combination of polystyrene and concrete tun-nel is the recipe for the mother of all flame-throwers. The result has rightly been described as "like a giant blowtorch". Polystyrene is made from napalm and should be banned. (Prof) Eric Ayres.

An ode to Essex

DAVID McKie's proposal to divide Essex is timely and, from the point of view of those brought up in Thurrock — or Gormandy, as he prefers to call it — much to be wel-comed (in praise of the cleavage of Essex, November 20). McKie and his tweedy cohorts can keep their fantasy land of Tottering and Oyster

Creek Essex in the north. They and their like fail to thrill to the noble sights of the Essex marshes nestling in the majestic, slow bend of the Thames estuary as it winds out to the sea; they know nothing of the noble, industrial, almost Turnerian romanticism of the great quarries carved out by Tun-nel Cement in the 50s and 60s; they are blind to the great debouch of the Purfleet Tunnel as it enters Thurrock; they are deaf to the music of the ancient settlements of Fobbing, Mucking and Cor-ring(ham) which trip off the tongue as musically to our ears as Lolita did to

They have no pride in the great Lakeside Shopping Mall, or the distant fires of the refineries at Corringham
— as awesome a sight as anything conjured up by Wright of Derby. These are the soils that bred George Walker the entrepreneur. Billy Walker the boxer, Mark Anthony Turnage the composer, raw,

gritty, modern. So shut yourselves up north of the A12 cor-ridor, your lifeline to London, our inter-zonal frontier. Real

SOUTH ESSE

life has always been lived south of it. John Tusa. 21 Christchurch Hill. London NW3 LJY.

RATHER than divide the of Essex into two as David McKie proposes, the county should be restored to its ancient western boundary of the River Lea. One of the most galling aspects of "Essex girl" jokes to Essex men is that they usually refer to women of the county such as Chine ford, Chadwell Heath and

Canning Town. The people who inhabit the stern reaches of "Greater ondon" (ugh!) believe they still live in Essex, as do palling all this week organisations as diverse as the Royal Mall, the Diocese of Chelmsford and the County Cricket Club. There is Essex CM0 &SW.

have a MORI poll and restor Essex to its ancient estate. Lynbury, Potter Street Harlow CM179AE.

DAVID McKie is not as a ware of the social make-up of the towns along the Crouch valley branch of the Great Eastern Railway as he would like to have us believe: they have already been well and truly Gormandled.

The genteel rural idyli adored by managing editors of the Daily Telegraph has long gone, following the inward movement of City workers from the more urban areas of the county. Mind you, some things never change — the train service both to and from Liverpool Street has been absolutely ap-palling all this week.

Arms and the ban: don't dump them abroad

_the first day of the fire-arms debate was a plea for the UK Government to halt exports of these guns (A fare-well to cant, November 20). Both the public and politi-clans agree that these weapons put human life at

Yet the Department of London WCZN 6NN. Trade and Industry is currently considering export licences to send the banned weapons overseas. As an unfortunate consequence of proabroad the very violence the UK wishes to stop at home.

the unlawful weapons collected as a result of the legis-lation will be publicly destroyed. This would surely be the most fitting response to ment speak out? Surely it the country's concerns over could not be to protect the inthe rising tide of violence. It would also send a clear message to the rest of the world Papua? Or to protect the prof-

ARGELY drowned out in | that the UK's concerns about | its of British Aerospace in the dangers of weapons go be-yond its borders. Geraldine O'Callaghan and Susannah Dver. Research analysts, British American Security Information Council. Carrara House, 20 Embankment Place.

F IT is so shocking to sell larms to Rwanda that we should declare it illegal, why is it acceptable to sell arms to gress in domestic gun control. Nigeria, Indonesia and Satidi 160,000 banned guns could be Arabia, to name only three exported, effectively sending repressive regimes? Last The Government should assure the UK public and the ber 12) to Indonesia, which international community that has not only carried out genotibe unlawful weapons colcide on the East Timorese but

week the press recorded a fur-ther sale of 16 aircraft (BAe is repressing the peoples of West Papua (Irian Jaya). Why does no one in Parlia-

Britain? . Rae Street. Calder Cottage, Hare Hill Road, Littleborough, Lancs OL15 9HG

THE arms dealers who sup-plied the Rwandan regime before and during the 1994 genocide look like escaping their just deserts, thanks to registering on Mickey Mouse islands and the rumblings of free-market politicians suddenly concerned about the loss of jobs. Such difficulties could be surmounted by indicting them at the International Court of Justice as accessories to genocide.

But I doubt very much that this will happen. Colin Gill. 67 Union Road. London SW4.

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A Country Diary

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WEARDALE: It's easy to when toothed foliage of nontryside. Take ivy, for example — a plant that's unique in the British flora. It's our only native representative of a tropical and sub-tropical plant family called the Aralia-ceae. How come that a plant with such exotic, sun-loving relatives should be so common in our chilly climate? It seems to be successful everywhere — entangled in wood-lands, climbing walls and buildings, smothering tombs in churchyards and even dangling down cliff faces — but it's completely out of step with the rest of our wild flow-ers. It's in full bloom now, just as all other flowers have faded and the first severe frosts are set to arrive, and it will postpone production of its black berries until spring, where much of the rest of the flora is coming into flower. Like many woodland climbers, ivy only blooms well in like most other aspects of sunlight and only then do its leaves signal their intentions,

overlook the strangeness of flowering shoots give way to the commonplace in the counsimple leaves, before the spherical heads of green flow-ers appear. A walk at dawn following a violent gale this week brought plenty of opportunities here for examining flowering specimens at close quarters, after rotten trees made unstable by their tophamper of ivy had toppled over. One was an ancient, stag-headed oak, whose trunk and branches where sleeved in the climber. The ovaries of each flower glistened with droplets of nectar and the blooms fairly hummed with drone flies, wasps, bluebot-tles, dung flies, hoverflies and moths, all enjoying their last feast before the frosts bite. The peculiar scent of the plant, which no doubt helps to attack these visitors, hung in the air - a stale scent of decay, reminiscent of damp, mouldering cupboards: memorable, but hard to explain -

Dan Glaister

ITH the general election — wake up at the back, this is important - with the general election almost upon us, it is time for some pertinent questions. Such as Why Vote Liberal Democrat? Or, indeed, Why Vote Labour? Tricky stuff, you'll agree. These questions will be addressed by William Wallace MP and the Blairite
Tony Wright in a series of
books to be published by
Penguin in February, But what of the third title, Why Vote Conservative? It calls for a man with a firm grasp of the issues, a man at the heart of government, a man with a frank and honest way with syntax. Step forward David Willetts, MP, following on from the success of his previous tomes. the indispensable Modern Conservatism (1992) and the much sought-after Civic Conservatism (1994). Themes covered in the Why Vote series include stakeholding versus the free market, constitutional reform, and Europe. Dull but necessary, I suppose. But will wily Willetts address the racier subjects bouncing around the Commons - sleaze, cash for questions, and the precise meaning of the word "want", or as all good civic

ORE election news: the Diary is happy, nay, ecstatic to be able to announce the forma tion of a new political grouping. Based on the as-tounding success of Republicans For Clinton, the time is right for a parallel exer-cise in cross-party confu-sion here. All stand, then, for the newly-formed Con-Diary takes delight in nomi nating as chairman Archie Asda and the Tory candidate for that hotbed of radicalism Tunbridge Wells (maj: 17,132). Last week Archie suggested that it was possible the party might lose the next election. "Well, not just possible." Hmm. But who should join him in this great enterprise? And what of the membership of the rival group, Labour For Major? This latter bunch is a much more shadowy affair. Even the proposed honorary chairperson has to appear in public under the clumsy pseudonym of Cassandra. Membership nominations for both groups on a post-card, please.

conservatives say, "wunt".

TLAST, some hard news from the set of Eyes Wide Shut, wild man director Stanley Kufilm currently under con struction somewhere in the home counties. Joining the likes of Harvey Keitel, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman is one Clive Froggat. That's Dr Clive Froggat to you, Mag-gie's health guru and latter-day self-confessed beroin addict. His mission: medical advisor to Miss Kidman as she struggles with her addict's role. "I am not allowed to talk about the film," says the good doctor but I was brought in to add authenticity to the acting."

OW that God Rock has returned with the resurrection—ged-dit?—of Jesus Christ Superstar, it's time to sneak a look at some of the more inspired offerings for the Age of the Musical: Enid Blyton's Famous Five is currently seeking investors, al-though it is understood a shortfall may result in a staging of Enid Blyton's Less Well-Known Four. Barring disasters the all-sing-ing, all-dancing Raise The Titanic should heave into view any day now, but the most entertaining has to be Always, a musical about Edward VII and Mrs Simpson, the Fergie and Andy of their day. Now wait a minute. . . Fergie — The Musical Any investors out

OMMISERATIONS to Trevor Proudfoot. He moved to the model' village of Turville 10 years ago. "On the first morning, I looked out of my window to see Melvyn Bragg talking to John Mortimer and I thought, 'This is going to be an interesting place.' Blighted, dahling.

NE question for the long-suffering Mrs
Lilley, following the
affirmation of her husband's true-blue heterosexnality to Hello! magazine: Why, Gail, why?



Feel free to bang the cerally opposed, one sees how far this project must shift before any government is likely to undertake it. A case now be devilled by deep imponderable smust somehow be transformed into one of transfor drums of Europe

Commentary

Hugo Young

F YOU had to think of a subject that is perfectly in-eligible for putting to a referendum, you couldn't do better than European eco-nomic and monetary union. It is highly technical, extremely complicated and very tedious.
Although the question will always be a melange of politics and finance, the more precisely it is put, the more baffled the voters are bound to be Afrar all most of the to be. After all, most of the experts are. Few can say with certainty what effects EMU will have, whether it will work, how to cut the arguments for and against British membership. Most of those who disclaim agnosticism offer nothing more than prejudice. So what are the people, with better things to think about, meant to do? EMU is surely the very issue we pay politicians to bury their politicians to bury their heads in, and then come up with an answer. Nonetheless, a referendum

there will be. The parties can do no other. I think Labour's

scape far more than most people suppose. It makes ster-ling's early membership less likely. But it also makes a realistic debate about Europe, at last, easier to conduct Though construed as a cheap sceptic move, it's the biggest opportunity the pro-Europe side has had to begin to change the terms of a contest Labour's decision wasn't made, I'm assured, in a lurch

towards scepticism. I can be-lieve it. Scepticism, in the exact meaning of the word, has infused Labour minds for has infused Labour minds for months. The great unknowns of who, when, how and under what rules EMU might happen impress themselves on Messrs Blair, Cook and Brown equally. The decision rested on two judgments. First, the evidence on these with unknowns won't be in vital unknowns won't be in makes any distinguishing election pledge impossible. Second, even a Labour House of Commons might not pass the statutes necessary for EMU without also passing some backbencher's amendment demanding a referendum beforehand. Get real. Mark the moment. Alongside popular befuddlement sits the political class's feeling that the people must decide. To put it at its lowest, every party now judges that it needs the people's cover before tak-

formed into one of transcendent clarity before any Cabinet will risk putting it to the country.

That isn't impossible to imagine. I think it extin-

guishes the near-invisible prospect of sterling yielding to the euro in 1999. But it keeps open the chance of entry by 2002. If EMU gets go-ing at the earlier date, and does not fall apart, it may then invite an urgent ques-tion: do you, the British, want to be left out of something that could otherwise destroy your lifeblood? If and when that occurs, moreover, it cannot be a technical question, for the simple reason that most voters regard themselves as incapable of addressing it in such a way. It will, whatever the precise terms, be taken as

'Do you want to be left out of something that could otherwise destroy your lifeblood?'

a broad issue between proand anti-Europeans. This is where the new all-party refer-endum promise is already a spur to change politics for the

The state of the broad issue is at present deplorable.
There's little honest dialogue. The Europe debate in Britain has become one-sided. Victory goes to the loudest voices, the crudest scare-mon-gers, the least scrupulous fan-tasists, the most sentimental nationalists. We have a gov-

ernment much of whose work is inside the EU, running a country more than half of whose trade is with EU countries, peopled by ministers hardly one of whom will be countried a statement be caught making a statement of affection, support, solidar-ity or even minuscule ap-proval for any aspect of EU activity. It is a government of faint-hearts, in thrall to a press that has surrendered objectivity to one eyed hyste ria, which drags the Labour Party, flapping and nervous, in its wake.

There are different reasons for this. In some quarters one can find reasoned rejection, often lately discovered, of British participation in the EU. Or an obsessive passion, not always paranoid, against the baleful influence of Brussels. There's also legitimate opposition, on either financial or political grounds, to EMU. The counter-case on all these fronts, however, has been inhibited by fear. It has been incompetently put, arro-gantly neglected. But also held back by a deep suspicion that the public will not wear the beause the public thinks it, because the public thinks "Europe" is a plot from which it has been excluded.

The promise of a referendum begins to eliminate that fear. Now that the voters tear. Now that the voters know the issue will be put to the question, those who believe with passion that Britain belongs in Europe have no reason to keep quiet. The thrall of paranola is lifted. They need no longer be throttled by guilt. They can make an one case knowing that an open case, knowing that the people will have the chance to judge it. If the right verdict is to come, the case starts, with some urgency, now. Changing the terms is a long haul. For the present state of national disfilusion, the cowardice of Euro-phile is as much to blame as the tireless chicanery of Europhobes. The referendum

Civil Service leaks lead to corrosion



lan Aitken

HITEHALL legend has it that there was once a private course once a private secre-tary to a senior Conservative minister who loyally did her job on behalf of the govern-ment during the working day, but always took time before she went home to tell her boss exactly what she thought of everything he'd just done. Far from leading to a hostile relationship, the minister ad-mired her for successfully reconciling her personal views with her duty as a civil servant.
The private secretary in

question was, I believe, Clare Short — now an equally forthright Labour frontbencher. Her ministerial boss is alleged to have been Mark (now Lord) Carlisle, a Home Office minister during the Heath government who was subsequently sacked by Mrs Thatcher as an incorrigible

The story has a certain olde worlde charm, since Whitehall has changed since then. Nowadays, a similarly minded civil servant would hesitate to speak his or her mind for fear of blighting their career. Instead they would probably photocopy the evidence of what was go-ing on, stuff it into a plain brown envelope, and post it off to some shadow minister — or better still, deliver it to Dale Campbell-Savours.

This development has gen-erated some splendid exposure stories, many of them in this newspaper. Moreover, they have helped to keep our system of democratic ac-countability working in a cli-mate of growing ministerial secrecy and even outright dis-honesty — a climate created by the Thatcher government and sustained by her successor.

For 30 years I operated largely on the basis of leaks. Most of them were "official" leaks, slipped out on purpose through Whitehall's formal network of private briefings, and therefore essentially gov-ernment propaganda. But the

cians, a few of whom were, God bless them, simply people who couldn't keep a secret. Most sources, how-ever, were skilled practitioners in the art of the purpose-ful leak. Until Mrs Thatcher took the stage, leaks from career civil servants (as op-posed to so-called ministeral

Whitehall) weren't just rare; they were almost unthink-able. So why the change? One

reason is the sheer shabbi-ness of much of what this Government is doing under the cloak of confidentiality. Another is the steady and intentional mix of politicisa-tion and deliberate destabilisation which has been government policy towards the Civil Service ever since 1979. But does all this justify sending plain brown envelopes to opposition MPs? At the risk of shocking some old friends, I think it doesn't. The conduct of government be-comes virtually impossible if every memo from one ministerial office to another is liaterial onice to another is ha-ble to end up in Mr Campbell-Savours's mail box. Moreover, the civil servants who do it are breaching the most fundamental of their duties — loyalty to the elected government of the day, how-ever awful."

Before Labour MPs dismiss my attitude as pompous non-sense, let me remind them that quite a lot of civil ser-vants dislike Labour just as much as today's leakers hate the Conservatives. Indeed, it's not long since Labour MPs Civil Service; they saw it as a built-in obstacle to any minister trying to pursue policies in conflict with the Whitehall

That doesn't mean that Labour should renounce acting on leaks. But it does suggest that shadow ministers would be wise to be cautious about how they profit from them. They must know that they will almost certainly become the victims of a similar campaign of vengeful counter-leaks when they finally get their hands on the levers of power. To amend the biblical message, he who lives by the leak may very well perish by the leak.

E discovered again yesterday why so many civil servants hate this Government so much that they are prepared to abandon their duty to the Queen's ministers. The blatant way in which they are being used to supply the ar-ithmetical backup for Tory election ploys like Dr Ma-whinney's dreadful tax scare should be enough to outrage even a mandarin who is ticking off the days until he takes up his fat-cat retirement job

And it is worth remember-ing that Dr Mawhinney is ministers - albeit one whose duties are kept to a minimum so that he can devote most of his time to his real job, which is running Tory Central Office. Only the Conserva-tives would have the bare-faced effrontery to give their Tammany Hall boss a fancy title, a red box and a seat at the Cabinet table. But then, barefaced effrontery is what 'advisers' from outside this Government is good at.

Stephen Woolley rounds on the politicians who have banned the film Crash, and argues no good comes from such censorship: do they really think its viewers will go crashing their cars for kicks?

Such abdication, however

won't come easily. Consider what must happen. First, the Cabinet agrees that EMU is in Britain's interest. After that, it may not be hard to get the

party to go along. But the original decision will never be taken unless the Cabinet believes the party and country will follow. Things might then formally proceed along the lines laid down in today's report from the Com-

along the lines laid down in today's report from the Com-mission on the Conduct of Referendums, an admirable practical blueprint which will be much-thumbed by referen-dum-hungry Labour minis-ters. Before they are set in motion, the massive hurdle of political confidence in victory has to be surmounted.

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This changes the rules of government. The change may be necessary, but it is huge. Complex, controversial and hazardous Acts, which at first and the state of the

might not enjoy popular sup-port, are being whipped through Parliament all the

time. In calculating the

national interest, government takes responsibility and fi-

nesses objections with its Commons majority. It doesn't have to put its life at risk in a

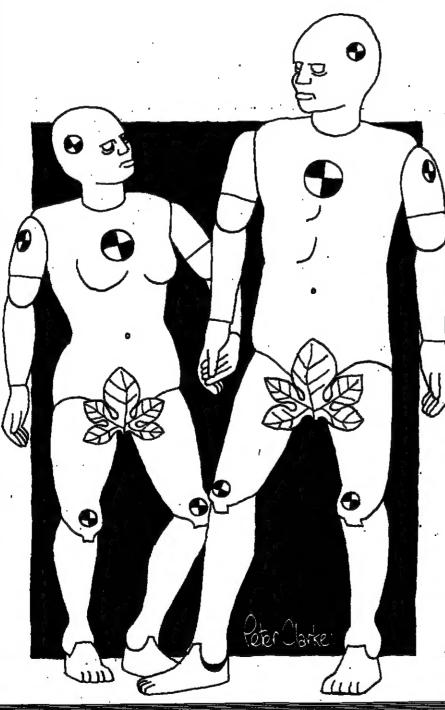
free vote of the nation. Once that element is introduced,

government is certain to be more cautious. When it also

has to reckon, as with EMU, that, whatever the technical

Head-on collision

the people's cover before tak-ing what may always turn out than half the press will be vis-



fect on people as some commenta-tors like to claim; you are more likely to go out and kill someone not if you have just seen a provoca-tive film, but if society is de-priving you of your besic needs — if your home life is dystimetional and you are unemployed, or if you are a mental patient who has been tors predicted. Quite the

turned out on to the streets.

It is just not good enough to biame "irresponsible" filmmakers for society's ills, as
Westminister councillors did
yesterday in response to Virginia Bottomley's criticisms of
David Cronenberg's film
about the original signing of
David Cronenberg's film

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working and the hospitals are running. Virginia Bottomley should look for more important ways to spend her time. rather than mouthing off about a film she has not even seen and probably would not

understand.
Crash is not a typical Holly-wood film with Eddie Murphy. if you are going to expand people's minds, you are going to need to be a bit dangerous. It is difficult enough for producers to make films that are not simply cynical exercises in making money. And people with the intelligence of David Cronenberg and British producer Jeremy Thomas make films that need to be

The notion that Crash is a work of art does not seem to be taken into consideration. If see Britain has Europe's stiff-they feel the film is so offen- est censorship laws; they are sive and would cause a monumental obsession with car crashes, why did they not act when the book was published? There seems to be one rule for the masses, another for the élite. Readers of JG Ballard's book have not gone off to have sex in crashed cars. I have just

OVIES do not have as much effect on people as some commentators like to the movie to be banned: the Daily Telegraph in particular called for a ban on the grounds that it would incite violence here and would enflame and encourage Republican sympethy in America. Yet so far it has taken £3 million in two weeks, with 1,000,000 viewers already in Ireland and the UK — and there has been none of the "trouble" some commentareverse has happened: there have been ovations after althe treaty. It makes me angry Politicians and councillors should be concentrating on getting things right for the taxpeyers, making sure the roads are fixed, the schools are specific and the homitals are liked. They got it wrong — Ireland. They got it wrong — either because they had not seen the film, or were too busy focusing on one or two inaccuracies to "prove" that it was a

> Crash, like Michael Collins, is going to lead to sarlous debate, which can only be healthy. Crash is opening up dialogue about the connection between sex and death; are we frightened to talk about usky we are fascinated with car crashes and speed? Or are the critics again picking on the minnows, blaming film-makers and writers because society has compelled some people to joyride?

Surely as long as we stay within the law, film-makers should be allowed to film whatever they want to film, can finance, and people want to much looser in countries such as France and Germany, showing, yet the crime rate here is worse. Maybe Virginia Bottomley can produce some statistics which explain why?

gone through a similar experi-ence with Michael Collins. A whole bunch of so-called currently producing B Monkey

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loved ones in a vast crowd of people. This is the reality facing thousands of children in Rwanda today as their families make the long trek home.

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Transport Editor, on the the obfuscation following what could have been a disaster

negative theme over the disquiet over the Channel Tunnel fire continues to be

and half truths.

you've returned to this been on the train before it negative theme over the entered the tunnel until ast two days while public | the French public were informed via a security guard. Your chairman, fanned by disinformation and half truths.

It has been virtually im-

should have been carrying the smoke away?

French counterpart, Patrick Pon-solle, plumbed the depths of complacency revealed how he had smelt It has been virtually impossible to get the facts. They have dribbled out in short, reluctant statements, forced by the observations of some of the strain this is some than this patting it has to be investigated. This is some that it is s

A more serious criticism

is the apprehension you caused to passengers on the shuttle in the other tunnel. One of the passen-

fect the other. It is deeply worrying that smoke can seep through. What if it had been water?

Your disinformation started immediately. You said within hours of the disaster that "single line services" should be resumed within hours. But here we are two days after the event and the latest is the event and the latest is that a skeleton service could be resumed by

OMMERCIAL expediency is hiding behind a calamity from which the public has been kept at arm's length Please don't wait for the official reports which will take months to produce You have some explaining to do. You could start by banning the use of the lattice lorry wagons until further notice and sacking your public relations

Tell the truth about the Tunnel fire claimed that an incident in one tunnel should not af-Memo to Eurotunnel from **Keith Harper**, nications system, then so easily have ended in a they should have. We tragedy which would have would like to know who knocked more than 3.5p off would like to know who was in charge of the train. your paltry shares. Mr Ponsolle should the drive driver or the think before he unwisely opens his month. How can he claim that the safety The driver chose not to ERE you go again. At the first sign that something is wrong, the dent — staff, passengers, continue his journey to Folkestone, but your com-pany's rules suggest that he should have done. And procedures in the tunnel were "as strong and effiyou put up the shutters and the magnificent rescue and say nothing. That was your belligerent attitude You never owned up to cient as possible"? There why were lorry drivers choking with smoke in their carriage when the fire was behind them, and the draught from the train them that as possible? There was a severe communications gap, with the British side of your operation failing to be alerted to the fire horror from Calais. You never owned up to the embarassing possibilduring the construction of the embarassing possibil-the Channel Tunnel And lty that the fire could have

Letter:

Alger Hiss

John Lowenthal prints. The assertion in your oblinary of

Alger Hiss (Normalar 18) that "all the purloined and micro filmed documents produced at the two trials were typed on the relebrated Woodstock

230099 which Hiss and his wife Priscilla owned in 1938 when he worked for the State Department" is incorrect None of the microfilmed documents was typed on Woodstock 20099, the type writer at the trials. The so-called microfilms were

simply 35mm photographs of

government documents that

nobody ever claimed were

typed on Woodstock 22009

As for the purformed ducti-ments that Chambers said

Priscilla had typed, even they

included one that everyone agreed had not been typed on

Woodstock 230099 or any other Woodstock. These facts

have been public knowledge

since 1949. Woodstock 230090 was not

the Hiss family's Woodstock, although the prosecution pre-

tended at the trials that it was. The PBI knew since he

fore the first trial began that 230099 was manufactured too

late (1929 or 1930) to be the Hiss family's Woodstock,

which Priscilla's father had

bought in 1927 and which bore a serial number in the range 145000 to 204500. (In

1961, Newsweek identified the

lic knowledge since the FM documents were obtained

under the Freedom of Infor-

mation Act in the mid-1970s and were published in The

Nation (June 26, 1976) and the

documentary The Trials of

Alger Hiss (1980), broadcast twice by the BBC.

Contrary to your obituary, General Volkogonov did not

withdraw his claim that "not

a single document" had been found in the Saviet archives

deed had been found, and none has been found since

then. Eight other Russian

officials and archivists, in-

cluding the present foreign

minister, are on record to the

Beryl Bainbridge, author, 62;

Georgina Battiscombe.

author, 91; Roy Boulting, film

producer, &t Tina Brown.

editor, the New Yorker, 4% Andrew Caddick, cricketer.

28: Peter Ford, chairman,

Francis, peace campaigner,

52: Amelia Freedman.

Nach Ensemble of London 56:

Marilyn French, novelist, 57;

Nickolas Grace, actor, 49;

producer, 51: Natalia Makar-

ova, ballerina, 56; Fiona Pitt-

Kethley, novelist and essay

ist, 42; Ann Scully, HSE commissioner for consumers'

rights, 53; Peter Sharpe, chief

constable of Hertfordshire, 52: Des Walker, footballer, 31;

Malcolm Williamson, com-

Birthdays

stock, No 200191".1

Adding up a new order

remarkable career which bridged the worlds of academia and the civil service. One could say he was born for such a role: his father was in the Indian Civil Service and his mother was an exceptional scholar ing histories of Anglo-Irish economic relations.
As a scholar at Winchester

College, Teddy Radice developed an interest in both classics and mathematics. He went up to Magdalen College, Oxford, to read mathematics graduating with a

As an undergraduate he be-As an undergraduate de be-came involved in politics. In 1926, during the General Strike, he had to shield Arthur Cook from a shower of bricks when the miners' leader visited Oxford. In 1929, as a delegate to the Socialist Students' Congress in Vienna, he was caught up, by accident, in riots outside the Austrian Central Bank, His brief political career culminated with his standing as a Labour candi-date in Lambeth in the disastrous defeat of 1931. He never stood for Parliament again but during the 1930s he was a prominent member of the group of leftwing intellectuals who took their lead from G D H Cole, and was secretary of the New Fabian Research Bureau. Unlike many on the left in this period, Radice was never attracted by communism: his socialism was very much of the intellectual variety, informed by a rigorous

After the end of his political career, Radice concentrated on his academic activities. Following graduation he had briefly worked in the City but returned to Oxford and began research in economics. He was briefly a lecturer at Hertford College, Oxford, but in 1933 he became a Commonwealth Fund Fellow at Columbia University, New York, where he was able to observe

His extensive travels in the US in the company of friends and fellow economists such as Colin Clark provided the basis lysed New Deal economics and policy but also contained material drawn from interers; for Radice economics was | that decided the European res-

DWARD (Teddy) about people as much as tech- ponse to economic aid under

In 1936 Radice returned to Britain and married Joan Keeling, but in 1937 they returned to the US and Radice took up his first full-time post as assis tant professor of economics at Wesleyan University, Connecticut. There he completed his doctorate, and he and Joan, depressed by the general Joan, depressed by the general political and economic situation in Britain, and especially by appeasement, considered a permanent move to America. The change in the international climate led to their change in the change in the international climate led to their change in the change in the international climate led to their change in the change in th abandoning this idea and in 1939 Radice briefly worked initially but switched to with the League of Nations Secretariat in Geneva before returning to Britain at the outbreak of war.

That year also saw the publication of Radice's second major work, Savings in Great Britain, 1922-35. This was one of the pioneering contribu-tions to the development of econometrics, but it was also deeply influenced by Keynes-

Radice . .

studies. That it did not gain the recognition it deserved in large part stemmed from its publication coinciding with the onset of war.

In 1940, Radice turned down a fellowship at Worcester College, Oxford, for by then — at the invitation of Hugh Gaitskell, an old school friend at close quarters the impact of he had joined the Ministry of Economic Warfare (MEW). analyse the economic situation in occupied Central and Eastern Europe and when the for Radice's first major work, MEW was absorbed into the An American Experiment Foreign Office in 1945 Radice Jones. Characteristically, it Intelligence Department, be-was a work that not only anal coming the FO's leading expert on the economics of the

Secretary, but much of the bargaining was carried out at the "official" level. Radice's task was to assess the feasibility and fairness of the dollar "bids" from the various countries and to draw up the final economic report of the conference. Like Dean Achson, Radice could claim to have been "present at the cre-ation" of a new European order and to have put in place some of the vital components of its mechanism

the Marshall Plan. The confer

ence was chaired by Ernest

Beyin, the British Foreign

until 1953, mainly concentrat-ing on the Soviet bloc, but spending brief periods as a counsellor in Copenhagen and Frankfurt. In 1953 he was transferred to the Ministry of Defence, where he became director of economic intelli-Radice's expertise in the eco-nomics of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union was deployed to analyse information gath ered from both covert and open sources in order to for-mulate commercial policy towards the Soviet bloc. He nomic pivot for the Joint Intelligence Board as it designed the political economy of the

On retiring from the MOD in 1970, Radice returned to Oxford as a senior research fellow at St Antony's College. There he worked on a projec co-ordinated by Michael Kaser, which produced the de-Eastern Europe from the Versailles Treaty to the 1970s Radice was particularly responsible for the chapters dealing with the wartime period, where the knowledge he had gained at the MEW proved invaluable.

He left St Antony's in 1973 and lived in retirement in north Oxford. He retained however, an active interest in economics and politics, stuff-ing envelopes for the local Labour party and a week before his death he had been studying Paul Ormerod's The Death of Economics. One of his family remarked that Teddy, a lifelong atheist would now find out whether he was right. but that even if he was wrong he would put up a good

daughter.

Ewen Green

Soviet Union.
In 1947 Radice was sent to Edward Albert Radice, econoviews with unemployed work. Paris to attend the conference | mist, born January 2, 1907; died



Cherrill . . . with Chaplin in City Lights. The screen showed great warmth but off it they were decidedly cool эното кольц

Virginia Cherrill

Bright lights, big pity

v single film role — the blind flower girl in Charles Chaplin's City Lights — though the making of the film was not a happy experience either for the director or the actress. There are two versions of

how Chaplin first spotted the 20-year-old blonde: it was either when they were in ringside seats at a boxing match, or when he saw her working as an extra in a beach scene, wearing a bathing suit. The daughter of a well-connected Chicago family, she was then in California recovering from her first divorce, from the actor Luther Adler.

The story of City Lights is that Chaplin's Tramp be-friends a poor, blind flower girl. He battles to find the money to pay for the opera-tion that will cure her but Eventually released, he meets the girl again, now sighted and with her own smart flower shop. She has imagined her unseen benefactor as rich and hand-

who has died aged but when she gives him a single film role — the touch of his hand. The great American critic James Agee called this scene "the greatest piece of acting and the highest moment in movies".

Chaplin chose Virginia for the role for her ability to appear convincingly blind — "The others all turned their eyes up to show the whites," he said. Their collaboration, however, was fraught from the start. ally nervous state throughout the two-year production of the film. Virginia was not a professional and entirely lacked the single-minded dedication he demanded from his collaborators. Late-night parties often left their mark on her face. Chaplin spent weeks trying to get the apparently simple lin's best-loved works and scene of their first meeting to make Virginia famous

teur," he later complained. No doubt an additional factor was that Chaplin's previous leading ladies — Edna Purviance, Georgia Hale and Merna Kennedy some. The Tramp tries to | had all become his lovers.

VIRGINIA Cherrill, I avoid disillusioning her. | The relationship with Vir- | briefly married to William ginia seems to have Rhinclander Stewart and remained coolly profes- then, from 1933 until their sional. They never met socially outside the studio, and half a century later she recalled: "I never Cary Grant. The sure mark of a feding

> liked me." After almost a year of shooting, the exasperated Chaplin took her off the payroll and began testing other actresses, including Georgia Hale, the star of Chaplin's The Gold Rush (1925). Nine days later he reinstated Virginia, but was charrined when she demanded that he double her weekly salary of \$75, pointing out that their original contract was not valid since she had been under-age.

liked Charlie and he never

After the crists the work went better, and the film was released in January 1931 to become one of Chapised film career never really bloomed. Between 1931 and 1934 she made 10 more films in Hollywood, none — even Charlie Chan's Greatest Case - now remembered. She was

When I joined the service in

1965. I was greatly impressed by the loyalty and dedication she inspired in her volun-teers. I was also impressed by

her fund-raising abilities,

which became more vital as

the service developed new

then, from 1933 until their

career, she came to Eng-land to make three "quota quickies", in two of which, Late Extra (1935) and Trouleading man was a young newcomer, James Mason. After that she retired, to become the second wife of the 9th Earl of Jersey and an international soc They divorced in 1946. Her final marriage was to Florian Martini, a Polish air ace of the second world war whom she is said to have met when he was working

as a ski instructor. She reappeared briefly on screen 12 years ago, to be interviewed for Kevin Brownlow's and David Gill's television series Unknown Chaplin, and, at 74, aristocratic beauty.

ber 14, 1996

Virginia Cherrill, film actress

without funding from either the Home Office or the Prison

Service. Raising money remains difficult, for just as

when the service began more

than 30 years ago, prisoners

families continue to arouse lit-

tle popular compassion and

belong to a category recently defined by the Guardian as "causes without glamour". It has failed, for example, in two

applications for National Lot-

tery funds. Yet it expects to be able to continue in operation

and, in its 1996 annual report.

recognises its continung debt to Sylvia Chancellor. Without

ber, it says, "the gradual rec-ognition of the plight of pris-oners' families might not have

taken place; without her charm and determination,

official recognition might not have come and the required funding for the organisation would not have materialised.

Sylvia was a remarkable

Elizabeth Rawlinson

poser. Master of the Queen's Music, 65. themselves and acquire self- | need than ever of charitable

Death Notices

EYATT, George Desmond. Cremation of 4pm, Thursday 21st November 1996, at Warriston Grematorium, 35 Warriston Road, Edinburgh EH?, All mends wolcomo. See obtuary 20/11 Herrier Development of the second sections of the second s

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RECYEY, Peacetally at The Alexandra Hospital, Cheadle on Sunday November 17th 1999. Octor Samuel Mayery, doarly loved hasband of Mary Inde Stational much loved lather of Rhona. Service at Bramhall United Reformed Church on Friday November 22nd at 12.15p.m.

Marriages

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mean that being ill or having

Sylvia Chancellor

The lady and the trapped

bridge flat in tears. Her husassumed to be honest, had been convicted of fraud the day before and sent immedi-ately to prison. There would be no pay packet for the family that week or for many

months to come. Sylvia, who has died, aged 95, had no experience of social work and knew nothing about prisons. But she immediately identified a gap in social provision and decided to do something about it. The within their communities, result was her founding of the branded as "bad" families

NE DAY in 1963, Lady Chancellor's cleaning woman ar-cleaning woman ar-Friends Service.

Its purpose was, and is, to advise and support wives and families facing a particularly painful and humiliating form of abandonment. At that time, there was no organisation dedicated to their needs. Petty offenders could be caught, tried and committed on the same day, often leaving their wives penniless and at the mercy of creditors. Their gas and electricity might be cut

to associate. Many suffered | from the incongruous surfrom extremes of loneliness. The all-powerful Probation Service was interested in fam. ilies mainly to the extent that they affected the welfare and prospects of the men in jail. Nevertheless, the PWS could have achieved very little without the co-operation of the Probation Service; and it was one of Sylvia's great achievements to have secured this by negotiating a unique relationship with the Inner London Probation Service (ILPS), based on a form of eccreditation which guaran teed her organisation's

utonomy.

The PWS effectively started in 1964 when Sylvia obtained use of the crypt of the City of London church of St Botolph Without as an advice centre for prisoners' wives. She would sit there with one assistant, hoping people would drop in; but disappointingly few turned up. Realising that this was the wrong approach. this was the wrong approach, she decided that the only way forward would be to establish a network of visitors and bring the service into people's homes. This she did, working initially with two volunteers

roundings of her elegant flat, which she rarely left without putting on a hat and veil and etting off in her husband's chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce. But she always insisted on being addressed as Sylvia. She brought to her task a mixture of old-fashioned

charm and irresistible deter-mination, inherited from her mother. Lady Muriel Paget, who had used the same qualities to establish a hospital in St Petersburg for wounded Russian soldiers during the first world war. Recognising her own lack of experience in the penal field, she quickly collected around her a strong committee of experts. Although she would sometimes give an appearance of charming scattiness, this was mis-leading. She was untiringly energetic, methodical and ef-ficient. She did all the fundraising, public relations and interviewing of volunteers for her fledgling service. The vol-unteers — all women and drawn initially from Sylvia's circle of friends and acquaint-ances — were trained by the probation service, which also



to advise her. The volunteers were directed by Sylvia to treat the prisoners wives as equals and tell them what options were open to them, options were open to them, but never to make decisions for them. Many long-term friendships were forged in this way. Sylvia's aim was not only to help the wives with practical matters - such as practical matters — such as arranging prison visits, nego-tlating rent arrears and col-lecting state benefits — but also to help them re-evaluate

projects and increased the number of its volunteers from the original handful to around 90. She was adept at around 90. She was accept at squeezing money out of the most reluctant donor. She would leaf through the Charities Directory, select her prey and harass them unrelentingly until they gave her a favourable reply. Her greatest achievement was to extract achievement was to extract an annual grant out of the Home Office, which sadly has

now been withdrawn. When Sylvia retired to the West Country in the 1970s, and I succeeded her, she continued to keep in touch, and it was a delight to see her excitement when, at last, the Government agreed to pay the cost of a second monthly visit to prison by prisoners' wives — some-thing for which she had cam-paigned for many years.

The service is in greater

Sylvia Mary (Paget) Chancellor, philanthropist, born July 1, 1901; died October 26, 1996

Dos & Don'ts

eem like a snack.

Bat Soup gives prime exc

ples of prime pigs which will make your Christmas lunch

POSING: Sophisticated posing is discrete enough to be barely noticeable. Hand to mouth contact is good for your frequent pensive moments (index finger placed across lips); thumb to chin for appre-clation, and a smirk for ela-

tion — everything from mild amusement to orgasm — are all you need for the gamut of human emotion. Anger, an-noyance, hilarity and woe do not come under your brief, so forget them, You will obviously need to have worked out what to do with your hands when not gesturing as you'll need to appear elegant and physically relaxed at all

OPINIONS: Ideally an opinion should be your own but if you're unsure on this you'll find newsagents stock a wide range of practical manuals: the Spectator, Prospect, New Statesman, are all designed with this purpose in mind. and there are also a good selection in most newspapers. Try to select one that smatters of originality and contention which will lure people into your carefully rehearsed aryour carefully rehearsed ar-gument. Once there, fling in anything vaguely related to reveal how many events you have attended, people you know, how thoughtful you are; anything in short, to show how erudite you are. ILLNESSES: A batch of recently-published books on

recently been ill is an important prop in your sophisti-cate's armoury (Dave Stew-art, of Eurythmics infamy, has recently given lectures on his hypochondria). It at once displays sensitivity, delicacy and worldly experience. Again, rare is good: tropical diseases that cannot be passed on to party guests nave a definite exotic value; a conquered substance-abuse problem some time in your past will sound glamorous: and physical and pervous breakdowns point to a full life. Invent an illness: Fielding Syndrome, for instance. is absolutely unique and no one has yet suffered from it — be the first on your block. A few tips on how to swan and be sophisticated from Men's Health magazine. Jackdaw wants jewels. F-mail

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Emily Sheffield

Prisoners' Wives Service with whom people didn't wish



Mis-mouthed

Jackdaw

"THOUSANDS of Chinese towns can now be planned. constructed and managed in a more scientific way, thanks to a newly developed manage ment information system (MIS)." It carried this headline: "CHINA-TOWNS-MIS-DEVELOPED". Report released from the New China News Agency, printed in the South China Morning

Hairy situation

PEOPLE for the Ethical Treatment of Animals recently pulled the wool over the eyes of the New Yorker by

placing a "fur sabotage ad" in an October issue of the magazine. In a special section on coats, PETA'S "Free Fur Video" ad implored: "Before you buy let us show you our lively collection of fox, mink, and raccoon. You'll be astounded and could save thou-sands." Readers who called the number provided were greeted by a recording of ani-mal-rights activist Paul McCartney's voice (of 'Paul's Furs") asking them to leave their names and addresses Then they get the video of the animals being executed says a PETA insider. "The thousands' that they could save, of course, are the animals' lives.'' Outfoxing the New Yorker, reported in the American Esquire.

Great goofs "BITE the wax tadpole." — Coca-Cola as originally trans-lated into Chinese. "Pepsi brings your ancestors back from the grave." — ad slogan "Pepsi Comes Alive" as originally translated into

"We pray for MacArthur's erection." — sign erected by Japanese citizens in Tokyo, then MacArthur was consid ering a run for President. "You are invited to take ad-

vantage of the chambermaid"
— from a guest directory at a "It takes a virile man to make a chicken pregnant." Perdue chicken ad, as mis-

ranslated abroad. Nixon has been sitting in the White House while George McGovern has been exposing himself to the people of the United States." Frank Licht, then governo of Rhode Island, campaign-ing for McGovern in 1972. "Retraction: The 'Greek

Special' is a huge 18 inch pizza and not a huge 18 inch penis, as described in an ad. Blondie's Pizza would like to apologise for any confusion Friday's ad may have caused." — correction printed in The Daily Californian.
"I want you to take your balls in your hand and

bounce them on the floor and

then throw them as high as you can. Now, have you all

got your balls in your hands?" — announcer of chil-dren's radio show "Life With Mother" to her audience. Classic cock-ups by the good and great from the humour t server. Thanks to Michael Jo-

paid her office expenses and

Prime pigs LEAVING aside Henry VIII, who at a moment's glance reveals to have quite clearly enjoyed his food, the next important royal in the gluttony stakes was Edward VII. He was photographed in the 1900s with the then Prime Minister Henry Campbell-Bannerman at a particularly tricky juncture in the history of Britain's international relations, hammering his fist into his palm with a grave look on his face. The caption which accompanied the pic-ture in the press read "Is it peace or war?", but as Camp-bell-Bannerman let slip the king was actually asking whether he thought halibut was better baked or boiled. He had his priorities. Edward was a man who consumed everything in a big way. His

endary and he got through 12 vast Corona y Corona cigars and 20 strong Egyptian fags every day before dinner, not to mention four very square meals. But it was during the final meal of the day that he really let rip, never eating less than 12 courses before retiring to bed, next to which a thoughtful valet would have placed a roast chicken for his majesty to reduce to bones during the night. If anyone should have died nicely replete, it was Edward, Turn ing to lesser mortals, 17th century face stuffer Nicholas Wood, the 'Great Eater of Kent', could est an entire sheep at one sitting, provided he had assistants at hand to grease his belly, which would understandably threaten to split. A rival attraction during roughly the same era was Jack Biggers of Witney, who died attempting to win a bet by demolishing six pounds of bacon and a dozen sust dump-lings washed down with a galion of beer. He was down to the last two ounces of bacon and half a dumpling when he

Dishing it . . . Rat Soup

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Finance Guardian

Freemans sale order leaks Good morning to

Strong puts stop to Sears fumbling

IAM Strong, the embattled chief execu-tive of Sears, is set to respond to intense institutional pressure for a shake-up at the retailing giant by putting the group's Freemans mail order operation up for sale.

City analysts reckon the business, which includes titles such as One to One and a cable TV operation Home Shopper, as well as the main Freemans tome, might fetch

Otto Versand, the German mall order giant, Europe's successor has been under

biggest, which bought the Next Directory from Next three years ago, and also British mail order group N Brown have been mooted as possible buyers — as has Burton, which bought the Innovations catalogue as the basis for a new home-shopping operation earlier this year

The Freemans business, which produced profits of £38 million on turnover of £530 million last year, was wrested out of family control by Sears eight years ago for £477 million, following a hostile bid launched by then chief executive Conference of the control of the tive Geoffrey Maitland Smith. While Mr Maitland Smith's

pressure to consolidate the group's mish-mash of retailing interests for the last four years, Mr Strong's efforts to sort out Sears' unwieldy shoe businesses came unstuck in the June when Stephen Hinchliffe's Facia group — to which Sears had sold around 400 stores — collansed. which Sears had soin around 400 stores — collapsed. Sears was left with a bad debt of 230 million and Mr Strong faced angry calls for

his resignation. Last night, analysts suggested further disposals could follow, such as the Richards, Wallis, Adams and Warehouse retail clothing chains. "We have to bet on a pro-gressive break up now, perhaps leaving a core department store business," one stores specialist said. "After years of fumbling, Strong now has to move very quickly.

son, who is forecasting pre-ex-ceptional profits of £115 million for the group this year against the £120 million achieved last year, has suggested Sears might be worth 120p-a-share or £1.8 billion on There is always the chance of a chieved last year, ha achieved last year, ha gested Sears might be ing to do the job for him."

Nick Bubb, stores analyst a "break-up valuation."

has not made any headway since Mr Strong joined the company in 1992. But chair-man Bob Reid has continued to stress his support for his chief executive at every pub-

lic opportunity.
While a spokeswomen for Sears declined to comment on Sears declined to comment on the matter last night, details of the plan to sell Freemans leaked into the stock market last night and a full statement from the company is expected soon, perhaps as early as today.

by an unusually large trade in Sears options on the Liffe fu-tures and options market. An investigation into share dealings is expected.

With Sears already debt-

free, analysts speculated that proceeds from the sale could

Institutional investors have through a special dividend, but the group is also thought formance of Sears stock which—at 92%p yesterday—into the development of the Selfridges department store

> When he announced Sep-tember's interim figures, Mr to open up to four more regional Selfridges stores in addition to a new development in Manchester and an extension of the flagship store

in London's Oxford Street.

At the half-year stage, Sears reported a drop in profits from £29.9 million to £2.5 million, following a £25 million provision for the Facia fiasco. But the figures also showed that both turnover margins in the home shopping division were continuing to shrink, with the failure of a drive to recruit more sales agents

The decision to sell Free-

positive option



Edited by Alex Brummer

WHEN the Tories launched its tax and offensive against Labour at the last election it had little choice: the green shoots of recovery were barely visible, so going negative was the only option for holding on at Downing

This time, there is the opportunity for a very different message on the lines of "its morning again in Britain", of the kind which has carried US presidents as different as Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton back to the White House. How much more pleasant

for the public to see the face of new industrial Britain and or new industrial Britain and ringing tills in the new breed of out-of-town shopping centres than listening to Messre Mawhinney and Waldegrave ranting about secret Labour tax plans, which are a figment of their imagination.

due to an accident of the for-eign exchange markets in September 1992, when the pound dropped out of the ex-change rate mechanism, has moved decisively the Tory way. This week has seen shop tills ringing up 4.1 per cent year-on-year, evidence of sharp recovery in the housing market, the pound looking stronger and even the public finances coming back into

Moreover, heavier corporate borrowing suggests a recovery in capital spending. Good tale that, which would put the opposition on its mettle: but it has been neutared

Pensions putsch

mally reckoned to be a smong the most inspired operators. It has developed an unfortunate reputation for over paying for acquisitions which prove to add somewhat less to the business than may have been anticipated. So the bank's decision to set up an ambitious research project to study the thorny issue of pension provi-sions is something of a depar-

NatWest loftily says it will tackle those pensions questions which are normally dis-missed as too difficult. These include little matters such as finding out how to ensure that everyone has an ade-quate level of income in his or her old age, as well as giving a definition of adequate. Four working groups are

being set up, drawn from the great and the good in the pensions industry, as well as civil servants, MPs and business-men. The team leaders include eminent economist Prof

Lawrence Churchill, man-aging director of the bank's over-ambitious manager

said that people were increas-ingly aware that they could not rely on either the state or their employers to provide for them in their old age. This was a serious issue facing our society and NatWest felt it was proper that it should put forward some practical

Mr Churchill conceded that the project would have some commercial benefits for the bank, but he insisted that it was first and foremost

altruistic,
But it would be churlish to be too cynical. After all, if NatWest's team of thinkers can come up with the solution to the pensions conundrum to the pensions conundrum and produce a workable manifesto (their term), they will be rightly applauded. The country will be grateful.

The only small cloud on the horizon for chalman Lord Alexander might be the

thought that it could all be in vain. Yesterday Labour — which may well form the next government — unveiled detailed plans for a new type of stakeholder pension scheme which would offer people an income of up to 30 per cent more than is offered by a typical personal pension.

NatWest's search for inspiration may have to go on.

Cable lift-off

HAT a change the management re-shuffle has brought to Cable & Wireless. First the unexpected deal merging Mercury with leading cable companies and now sound fi-nancial results.

with profits before tax and ex-ceptional items up 9 per cent at £673 million, was better than the City expected. Tele-com analysts, who over the years have become used to impleasant surprises in the C&W figures, were pleased by the signs of underlying

The arrival of Dick Brown. the American busines as chief executive earlier this mood at C&W. The telecom industry is starting to regard

tt as a serious player again.
But the group is not yet out
of the woods. The deal with the cable companies has still to be completed, and the industry is changing fast.

Few are sure what its shape will be by the end of the century. However, the betting is that a handful of global carriers will dominate and new powerhouses with integrated telecom, computing and entertainment capabilities

Since C&W put down its marker through the cable deal. British Telecom has raised the stakes with its £12 billion bid for full control of the big US telecom group MCI, and rumours abound that C&W is planning to get into bed with Global One, the alliance be-tween Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom and Sprint. Yesterday Mr Brown played breath a sigh of relief. The last thing C&W wants now, after years of opportunistic management, is a bout of

in the same workplace, according to the survey. "The

agency workers surveyed

many people," said Barry Na-varro, the report's author. "Over three-quarters of those who responded said they took

The survey found that 89

per cent of agency workers were not unionised and that

conditions, making employ-

Only 13 per cent said they received holiday, public holi-

were no permanent jobs.

Jingling of tills music to Tories

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The State of State of

war been with the file

BUOYANT consumer confidence, building society windfalls and a strengthing housing market are fuelling an autumn high street mini-boom, according to figures released yesterday. Welcoming news that retail sales jumped by 0.4 per cent last month, Treasury minister Angela Knight hailed a "jingle in the tills".
"People are spending

money because they have it," she said. "This is the sustainable recovery being felt by families.' The Building Societies Association confirmed yester

day that activity in the hous-ing market continues to grow, with mortgage demand hit-ting a five-year high and first time buyers rushing to get on the property ladder. The Office for National Sta-

tistics said strong sales of household goods and winter Mr Coles clothing helped to push shop sales up by 4.1 per cent over the year to October — against 3.6 the preceding month. City analysts said the bounce-back in the high street, after Sep-tember's dip, reflected a new readiness on the part of consumers to splash out, and pointed to the influence of handouts after the merger of the N&P and Abbey. Some commentators said

the upswing in sales, which came despite a rise in inflation last month, could be a concerns over prices.

Greyhound

coming less price-sensitive. David Bloom, UK economist at James Capel, said: The worry is that with the economy picking up and the 'feelgood' factor returning, consumers will be prepared to pay higher prices." The ONS said growing

housing market activity con-timued to deliver brisk trade to household goods stores --which saw sales volumes rise by 5.6 per cent over the year to October. October's cold snap also lifted clothing sales. Building societies granted new loans of £1.4 billion nearly quadruple the £458 million borrowed last

signal that consumers are be

October. BSA director general Adrian Coles said: "Season-ally adjusted net advances in October were at their highest since January 1992. New lending to first-time buyers and people trading up is much higher than at the beginning

Mr Coles urged the Chan-cellor to use next week's bud-get to provide a stable eco-nomic backdrop, and reduce fears about interest rate rises. But City economists said the retailing picture would increase pressure on Kenneth Clarke to tighten monetary policy to head off inflation. News that the Bank of King-

land's measure of money sup-ply, M4, topped 10 per cent in October — well outside the Government's 3 to 9 per cent monitoring range — added to

Wise Women: In temorrow's paper the Guardian's distinguished panel of economic advisars offers the Budges strategy to the Chancellor, based upon explant/showledge strategy to the chancellor, based upon explant/showledge strategy in the real economy.

Wise Wise in a new service to readers Guardian spiters and to specialists from accountants Guopers & Lybund will allow questions about the Budget on the operate Please post your questions about the Budget on the operation will allow the property of the Grandian with the high high property of the Grandian will allow the high property of the following day.

November 25 until poor the following day.

loses dog eat dog battle

GREYHOUND racing at London's Hackney Stadium is to come to an end after the dog track — which went into receivership in October last year — was yesterday sold to a prop-erty developer for an undis-

the buyer, NHP Developments, immediately said it had no plans to use the stadium for greyhounds, having earmarked the site for a new multi-million pound leisure complex, which could create hundreds of jobs in one of London's most deprived areas.

1932, was reopened last year after a £17 million refurbishment financed by City backers including Hendersons, Samuel Montagu and Mercury Asset Manage-ment. The refurbishment ment. The refurbishment—
designed to cash in on the
gentrified following greyhound racing was thought
to be attracting—was the
brainchild of Robert
Parker, a former Lloyd's
broker and greyhound
bloodstock agent, who had

ford and Walthamstow — was forced into receivership after its opening night. Now if seems that grey-hound racing, which at its peak in the 1940s attracted crowds of, 25,000 to east London, may be gone for-ever. Price Waterhouse,

Buffeting for utilities

ICI attacks US takeovers

Heads up . . . A virtual reality headset developed by the EU-funded Mirage research project managed by the Independent Television Commission is demonstrated at the ITC Engineering Exhibition in London. Scientists at Mirage are developing methods of evaluating the psychological impact upon the viewer of such technologies. PHOTOGRAPH DAMD SELFOR

The stadium, built in

American owners".

bloodstock agent, who had bought the stadium from Brent Walker for £5 million. Attractions included a £10 million huxury stand, two up-market restaurants run by one of London's top chefs, and a host of bars and fast-food outlets. However, Hackney — faced with competition

from nearby tracks at Romone of the joint receivers, had fought to keep grey-hound racing going at the stadium, and had hoped to sell it to a buyer prepared

HE Trade Secretary, Ian Lang, came under new pressure to block fur-ther electricity takeovers last night as one of Britain's big-gest companies attacked the way US utilities were taking control of the industry.

The Office of Fair Trading

added to the pressure by say-ing it needed more time to assess one of the latest American bids. With shares in London Electricity roller-coasting after it failed to quell speculation of a bid from US utility Entergy, chemicals group ICI said it was "not happy" at the prospect of "more concen-trated energy supply indus-tries" being "dominated by

A bid from Entergy would be the third from US utilities in as many weeks. CalEnergy and Dominion Resources are bidding for Northern Electric and East Midlands Electricity dence to the Commmons that of the Commmons that the Commmons the Commmons that the Commmons the Commons that the Common that the Co electricity industry and its privatisation and warned that power and voltage cuts were

John Stoney, ICI's energy policy and purchasing man-ager, said the company was not "anti-American" but was concerned that profits from a monopoly electricity business in the UK could be expatriated

m the UK could be expairance for investment elsewhere.
Calling for regional electricity companies (recs) to be ring-fenced financially in the event of a takeover by a US utility, he said the group was concerned by the risky debt rating of CalEnergy, the Nebracks-based group magnitus. braska-based group mounting a £766 million hostile bid for With Virginia-based Do-

minion also bidding — £1.3 billion for East Midlands — half the recs in England and Wales could soon be in US hands.

referred to the Monopolies Commission by Mr Lang Entergy said yesterday that it had called off exploratory talks with London but its statement left the door to a hostile takeover open. Lon-don was blunt, saying that

"exploratory discussions" with Entergy had been termi-Adding to the regulatory pressures, it emerged yester-day that Entergy has a poor management and financial record at home, with the company nearly put under municipal control by the New

The costs inflicted on elec-tricity companies by the takeover activity were high-lighted yesterday when National Power revealed that its abortive bid for Southern Electric had cost 257 million. It announced that half-year

Orleans City Governme

IoD defuses Mawhinney torpedo

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

DR BRIAN Mawhinney's attempt to torpedo Labour's windfall tax plans backfired yesterday as the right-wing Institute of Directors admitted the economic impact of the levy would be impact. "insignificant" and a leading lieve that public spending shareholder group contra-dicted Tory claims that it revenues rather than by borwould hit customers.

On Monday, the Conservative chairman claimed a windfall tax on privatised utilities pitched at 25 billion would cost individual custom-

bate on the tax, the IoD says | taxation executive, said: "The the tax could raise between £3 billion and £19 billion which could be afforded by some of the utilities.

It adds: "We acknowledge that some of the utilities do have spare cash at the moment, and that the economic impact of the tax might be in-significant. We also firmly be-

Although the IoD is against the tax — largely on the grounds that it would be hard to compute and to implement and that there are better ways ers £192. He said the plans for Labour to fund its employ—dends, while pension funds were "heartstopping".

In documents published to coincide with a Commons de Richard Baron, the IoD's would also be hit.

windfall tax is a very tempting option for Labour, but there are clear difficulties with it Encouraging competi-tion would be a better way forward." ProShare, the independent

group which represents small investors, said the tax would hart millions of investors. executive, said: "The regula-tors are unlikely to allow the tax to be passed directly on to consumers so the burden will inevitably fall heavily on

Investors would be hit by falling share prices and divi-

Campaigners find workers on £1 a day

Martyn Halsall

POVERTY campaigners give a depressing insight into will today call for changes in employment law when they ployment actually means for unveil a "depressing insight" into the working lives of agency workers, some of whom earn as little as a pound a day.

According to a survey by

the Greater Manchester Low Pay Unit and the region's citisens' advice bureaux, a night warehouse worker was paid only 25 per cent had a written 23 for a 36-hour week, when statement of their terms and Stoppages were blamed on ment security scarce.
one night when he was off Only 13 per cent s sick. Another man received 25 for a 47-hour week after day or sick pay. Almost two-taking a night off agreed with thirds received less than 24.15

Almost 50 per cent of The unit said many agency agency workers were paid workers were not entitled to go to industrial tribunals.

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Pitted against the past



A SALALL West Glamorgan employment is at the centre of a classic conflict of interest over plans to create an open-cast coal mine on an Iron Age site of unique ar-

company. LEJH, yesterday saw its application to mine 140,000 tonnes of coal at Brynteg. near Seven Sisters, deferred for a month by Neath Port Talbot coun-cil's development commit-

archaeologists.

It plans to employ 30 people in an area where one in three males is jobless. Sixty jobs recently disap-peared with the closure of a coal washery three miles tee following protests by up the valley.

A Cardiff-based mining | Friends of the Earth and | The local community | planning approval without cks the new mine as LEJH has agreed to remove an unsightly tip as well as

> Pani Graves-Brown (pictured), an archaeological consultant and Swansea

to Wales and to Britain as a

tion of the past three years, during which Northern has

cut the number of dairies

from 10 to four. He dismissed suggestions

a proper archaeological ex-cavation would be a catas-

trophe.
"This is a unique site of

national importance both

News in brief

Abbey National woos super-rich Asians

ABBEY National is joining the growing number of high-street financial institutions offering offshore bank accounts for wealthy Asians by setting up a joint venture with City-based Hambros Bank and Dah Sing Financial Holdings of Hong Kong. The institution, which will be registered in the Channel

Islands, will be targeted at clients in Hong Kong and other parts of South-east Asia with a minimum of £150,000 to invest. Abbey and Hambros will each put in 28.5 million to set up the proposed D A H Private Bank. Dah Sing, which has an existing Hong Kong client base, will retain control. — Patrick Donovan

Chiroscience buys Darwin

CHIROSCIENCE, the Cambridge-based biotechnology company, is buying US genetic engineering specialist Darwin Molecular Corporation — in which Microsoft's Bill Gates is a shareholder—in a deal worth about £72 million. Chiroscience's chief executive, Dr John Padfield, said the deal

officially a merger — would enable each company to tap into the expertise of the other Chiroscience was founded in 1992 and floated on the Stock

rocketed in value on the back of biotechnology's City popular-

Courtaulds looks to Tencel

CHEMICAL company Courtailds yesterday shrugged off disap-pointing first half results, pointing to growth in its continuing operations and the sustained success of the new fibre Tencel. Pre-tax profit for the six months fell from £68 million to £64 million but that was because of disposals. Operating profit from continuing businesses rose by 7 per cent to £80 million, from sales of just over £1 billion. — Roger Coure

Chubb poised on the Rim

CHUBB Security, the locks and alarms group, is to boost its presence in the Asia-Pacific region through the acquisition of one of Australia's leading manufacturers of fire-fighting equipment. It is paying A\$220 million (£104 million) for the fire protection and access control businesses of James Hardie Industries, which together made a profit last year of £2.8 million on turnover of £115 million. — Duninic Watsh

US carrier orders Boeing jets

AMERICAN Airlines, British Airways' proposed partner, will today announce a \$2.75 billion order for "Several hundred" Rocing passenger jets to take it through to the year 2020. The new planes will replace older models in the US carrier's fleet, like Airbus and Fokker. — Keuh Harper

Foods chief backs EMU as sterling hits profit

Roger Cowe

HRIS Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods which has been buffeted by currency fluctuations and European Union agriculture policy, yesterday renewed calls for monetary union to reduce the volatility of company profits. Introducing six months' fi-

nancial results, which in-cluded a dismal performance from the company's dairy business, Mr Haskins, an avowed Labour supporter. said the pound's gyrations had exaggerated dairy profits last year, and had now driven them down too far.

chairman that thinks EMU is a good deal, it's me", he said. Profit from Northern's dairy division slumped by £8 million to £22 million, largely because of the impact of sterling's strengthening on commodity milk prices. Fall-



Chris Haskins . . . for monetary union

losses on these products as the price of milk through the dominant UK supplier. Milk

Marque, has risen. Describing the system for marketing milk as "a farce", Mr Haskins called for a reduction in prices in the next tendering round to reflect the fall for commodities such as in open market prices. But he i to 39p.

years we would be really stupid to get out now" But he predicted there would be further rationalisation of the industry over the next couple of years to reflect falling consumption of liquid milk and the continuing shift from doorstep delivery to supermarket purchases.

Northern confirmed the rival Unigate that the slump in doorstep sales was slowing down.

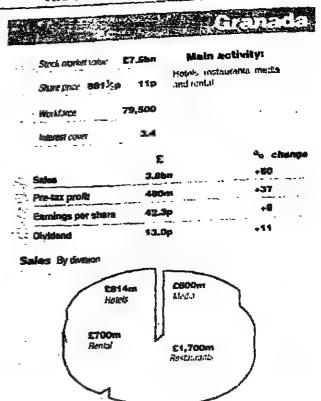
Mr Haskins said sales were now falling at a rate of 9 per cent a year, compared to 13 per cent last year, despite a recent price increase of 1p per pint which brought the price

Chairman's £100m pledge on savings

OUTLOOK/

looks very attainable as Forte businesses come under the spell of new owners after only eight months, says

IAN KING



Granada profit justifies means

Granada chairman Gerry Robinson, not least over his pledge to wring £100 million in savings out of the prey in its first year under his

annual results yesterday — pre-tax profits up 37 per cent to £480 million in the year to September — that £100 million figure was very much to the fore, and Mr Robinson was adamant that it will be

Yet it is a delicious irony said the dairy division should not suffer further pain follow-ing the extensive rationalisathat, amidst a solid set of fig-ures, two of the best performing businesses in Granada's ever-expanding portfolio are the Exclusive Hotels and Welcome Break motorway services chain, both former Forte assets and both up for

that he was ready to sell the According to Mr Robinson, this is no coincidence — Weldairy business, saying: "After all the pain of the last few come Break's profits had been static or falling for several years and were ripe for turnaround, both it and the Exclusives benefiting from Graaggressive nada's

If yesterday's results are anything to go by, the more £40 million in extra profits damning criticism that can be has been squeezed from the applied to Granada is the fact its older businesses have

For instance, in television - the group's traditional heartland - Granada TV notched up a mere 3 per cent improvement in sales, while the more recently acquired

LWT managed 11 per cent. Rentals, which five years

URING his epic ago accounted for almost 90 Hotel to Mandarin Oriental 23.9 billion takeover per cent of group earnings, bid for Forte much saw profits grow by a paltry 3 Of the hotels Granada inper cent, while sales actually fell after further shop clo sures. Such figures almost certainly justify the argu-ments put forward by Mr Robinson's adversaries over recent years — LWT's Sir Christopher Bland in 1993-94, Sir Rocco Forte in 1995-96 that Granada needs large

high-profile takeovers to keep expanding. In fairness to Air Robinson and his chief executive Charles Allen, the impressive profits growth achieved at

The irony is that two of the best performers in an expanding portfolio are both up for sale

both LWT and Forte has fully justified the apparently ruth-less way in which they were snapped up. This is fully borne out by yesterday's results. In only eight months under new ownership, 240 million in extra profits old Forte businesses.

sale, Mr Allen said yesterday that plans for a sale of Welcome Break in April -- as dictated by the Office of Fair Trading — are well advanced while the next two months will see the piecemeal sale of more Exclusives. On Tuesday it announced the first disposal, of London's Hyde Park | rival like Pearson,

lar Man). That's right: Mr

Blackley is replacing Mer-

rill's ex-media-ites, Richard

tends to keep, the Posthouse chain is bringing higher returns through a more acgressive pricing system, while the Meridien Hotels chain - subject of a highlypublicised U-turn by Granada during the bid -- flourishes

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In restaurants, the brepast contributor to group profits. Granada continues to over

Meanwhile, brand treaps with the likes of Burger Km2. Harry Ramsden's and Rock island Diner are also bring in-troduced. The Travelodge chain looks set for expansion. with more than 3,000 new rooms planned over the next three years.

That leaves the bedrock rentals and media businesses. now the smallest parts of Granada's activities, which even Mr Robinson concedes could exist as a separately quoted

A spin-off looks unlikely for the time being though, not least because Thorn EMI's experience has shown that once a demerger is talked about, the City is not interested in anything else.

Besides, there is still good money to be made from TV. although the long-awaited full bid for Yorkshire-Type Tees company's share price drops to more realistic levels.

This explains why Mr Robinson was at pains yesterday to rule out a sale of Granada's BSkyB stake in the "short to medium term". It is also why Granada may yet have a tilt at a weaker-looking media

Who, back in Merrie England, was plagiarising whom? One for Ye Serious Frande Office, methinks. Or perhaps not. SWANNING off to Mer-rill Lynch is Goldman Sachs's media analyst Neil Blackley, his exit marked by cries of "Lee Majors!" (the actor who played the Six Million Dol-

-Governor George has fingered what it is banks do to deserve all that legal mollycoddling and those shylocking interest rates: they take risks. He told the Treasury select committee on Manday this is the heart of their social contribution. Interesting, then, to note the explosive growth in credit de-rivatives. instruments allowing banks to insure against sour loans (l.e. risk). Such business is forecast to hit \$100 billion by 2000. What will the banks



Underside

Dan Atkinson

OULD-be ciné mo-guis: PolyGram's film offshoot has eight places on a course for those keen to develop "the business skills, experience and contacts ... essential in today's filmed entertainis run jointly with the European Union Media ProBritish murdered lots of people to frustrate European unity. PolyGram is well-piaced to advise on cinematic success; in its interim results, operating losses on the film side were down from about £52 million last time to £48 mil-

O WHAT were the final >10 words of Kevin Maxwell's defence? hand on November 29 recorded Alun Jones QC as

fools than wise." A check with the library put us right: "More geese than men now live ... etc", and so we printed. But Tuesday night's TV Kev-In (The Trial of Kevin Maxwell; BBC1) had Mr Jones again talking of swans, not men. Investigations have been

nade. Result? Stevenson's Book of Quotations backs Mr Jones's swans: it attributes the quote to an anon, poem called Fond World Adieu. But Collins is behind the

Dale and David Forster, for gramme, which infamously quoting an Elizabethan Guardian library: men, not six very part-bankrolled a TV poet thus: "More geese swans, and the poem is two years. six very large ones over then actually be doing?

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week.
Unguided Missile was added to the Greystoke trainer's powerful team for the Newbury race after an impressive victory in the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase at Haydock yesterday.
Ladbrokes offered Unguided Missile Light guided Missile 4-1 with a run for the big handicap after he thrashed Couldnt Be Better, last year's Hennessy victor, by four lengths, and now Richards has to decide who

will be in the line-up. His other entries are The Grey Monk (2-1 favourite), Adding-ton Boy (10-1) and Tartan Richards, who won the with One Man, said: "I thought it was well worth leaving all four horses in the

Hennessy and at this stage I'm keeping my options open. The Grey Monk did it very well at Ayr last Saturday and I thought Addington Boy ran a smashing race at Chelten-ham. Much will depend on the ground. It's a lovely position to be in and I might run more than one, but Addington Boy certainly wouldn't go if it was soft. I would have to say that

The Grey Monk is the main one at the moment." Unguided Missile, a model of consistency last season, put on the style with a fine dis-

play of jumping in the hands of Richard Dunwoody. The eight-year-old was sent to the front at the halfway stage and never looked in

"I thought he did it very well," said Richards. "The Greenalls Gold Cup might be a realistic target for him later in the season and I'm sure he's the type that will handle Aintree well in due course." Couldnt Be Better stayed on well and remains at 11-1 with

Ladbrokes to complete the Hennessy double. The defeat did not deter Charite Brooks, the gelding's trainer, who said: 'T was pleased enough with that and he should run at Newhyma At least this at Newbury. At least this means he hasn't picked up a penalty.

penalty."

Brooks quickly turned his attentions to the SiS screens to watch Suny Bay in action in the Limber Hill Chase at Kempton, where his grey, the original favourite for the Henneyssy, trailed in last, 38 lengths behind Trying Again.

Suny Bay, who has been taken out of the ante-post lists, was scoped and was found to have blood in his lungs. Brooks said: "This must put his Hennessy particmust out his Hennessy participation in doubt. I was very disappointed with his perfor-mance. I felt that, irrespective of the track, he stopped too

Wise Approach, twice a winner for Rim Balley this term, broke his neck when falling at the first fence. Jamie Osborne, who rode Trying Again, completed a four-timer with Not For Turn-ing. Tim and Berude Not To, who dead-heated with First

Type.
Tony McCoy, who needs two winners to beat Peter Scudamore's fastest 100 (achieved on December 20) after scoring on Quini Bagle at Kempton yesterday, may appeal against his three-day whip ban (Nov 28-30). The champion jockey was

last night viewing his "crime" at Newton Abbot on danger, with his rider easing video before deciding him right down on the run-in. | whether to lodge an appeal.

Pertemps recruit King George

PERTEMPS, the recruit-ment specialist, are to Christmas Festival. take over the sponsorship of the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.
The company will spon-

sor all 12 races at the twoday meeting on December traffic routes 26 and 27, which will be user friendly.

Refurbishing the Kempton grandstand, and resiting the paddock immediately behind it, is part of a \$3.4 million scheme that will also make parking and traffic routes much more



David Davies on the professional life and death that is today's European Qualifying School

Heads will roll in fight for green card

In their card. If they have, there is not a device for indicating who has done what. There are several at every tournament and there is one at San Roque in Spain, the venue for today's PGA European Tour final Qualifying School for those who wish oplay top-class professional against a man's name can have the same effect as the local for the new Nick Faldo?

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Its stock in trade is delight and disaster. some quietly to rejoice, despair, triumph and disaster.

have the same effect as the

Is he the new Nick Faldo?

The leader-board cannot tell them that but it can tell them whether he has the them whether he has the chance. One year there was a stir among the largely silent crowd that stands around looking at the scores. A middle-aged woman had fainted. The score had just gone up for her son and it meant that he had no chance of qualifying She hed re-All human life is there.

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what it tells them; that the only career they had known was now closed to them. One year, 1992, it was David Wil-liams, a pleasant and civilised sors he had met over the years and try to get invita-tions to play in their events or man attached to the Woburn Golf and Country Club. He lists among his interests football and wine. For seven years he had typified the jour-neyman on tour, hovering

around 50th in the Money List, well-respected by his peers. But after he came 55th in 1991, it all went wrong in '92 and he finished 183rd. His stroke average in '91 was no question of David giving of their careers, hoping 12.26; in '92 it was 73.03 and, because he was taking less got them, he failed to make board will show they have than a stroke per round more, enough money to prevent have been reborn.

ing to go back to the school in 1993, where he failed again.
Digging deep, he went for more invites and this time made enough to keep his card. In 1994 and 1995 he played well enough, just, to keep it, but in those two years he was 110th and 121st, making barely enough to

he could abandon the struggle and go and sell golf balls back But Williams comes of champion stock. His mother, Patricia, competed in the 1952 Winter Olympics in Oslo, his father Freddie was World Speedway champion in 1950 and 1953, and there could be

Sedgefield

12.40 Fly To The Red

cover expenses.

This year he will be back at the School, having missed 17 cuts in 27 tournaments. He will see some familiar faces: Gary Nicklaus, son of Jack, and Paul Way, a former Ryder Cup player and winner of a PGA Championship. Mike McLean, Brian Marchbank, Ove Sellberg, Gordon Brand Snr, tournament winners all, will be back at the birthplace

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Speed spoils Liverpool's night £4m to resolve

lan Ross IVERPOOL chose the most inopportune of moments to fluff their lines. On the night which matters most in a di-vided city, they were eight

back to the top of the But when they believed the job to be done and at a point when the Everton of old would have been contemplate. ing running up the white flag, the visitors deservedly drew

The sense of occasion has not been diluted these days, nor the sense of theatre diminished by the sight of red and blue mingling freely in the stands. The boots still fly

sky high a few yards. But in between the badly channelled effort and the shadow boxing there was much to applaud last night in a feast of deft touches and in-

tricate movement. Il took Everton many years to emerge from beneath an in-feriority complex big enough to cloak the nearby Stanley Park, but they have made it into the daylight and these days they regard themselves as first among equals.

Resisting an obvious temp tation is not Joe Royle's forte, but even he did not dare tamper with a side which was mesmerising in mauling Southampton 7-1

Saturday.

Royle had teased Liverpool with talk of a possible recall for Duncan Ferguson but, of course, he was left on the bench. It was all a game of bluff. Everion actually play rather well without him; like Liverpool they move the ball quickly and accurately even if their football often holds

more potential than menace. An opening phase of ceas less effort was notable for the departure after 17 minutes of the limping McManaman, the man most likely to unpick Everton's mean defence. Liverpool are not quite the same the loss of a key component served to awaken the unit and



period that followed his substitution by Collymore was

one of survival. Liverpool were close to breakthrough after 26 min-utes when Wright, standing at the far post, was first to a Bjornebye corner but saw his header cleared off the line by

Patrick Glenn

But Liverpool were not long denied. Four minutes later, after another Bjornebye corner had not been cleared, Robbie Fowler rose unchallenged to meet a Redknapp cross and send a header loop ing over Southall and just Ferguson's return to senior

football after two months of | force the Everton supporters | be delayed no longer. The big man moved from dugout to pitch at the start of the second naif. Cue long balls from the heart of the Everton defence. cue Liverpool unease. Barely had only to shape to leap to

onto the edges of their seats. Everton's best spell of the night followed. Chances were still infrequent but parity should have been restored after 58 minutes. A combination of Hinchcliffe's trickery and Speed's neat control saw

side the penalty area. Astonishingly, he drove his shot straight at James.

for a foul by Petric on Tur-kyilmaz. Gren pushed his kick to the left of Goram, but

the goalkeeper made a won-derful save at full stretch.

His team-mates were still ruffling Goram's hair when the ball broke out to the right

and Gren played it back

across the area for Berger,

who had replaced Comisetti.

Champions League, Group A: Rangers 2, Grasshopper 1

McCoist and Rangers break their duck

Media Correspondent

on ITV

League

Euro

"UROPE's premier football competition will remain on free television until the year 2000. ITV yesterday concluded a three-year deal with Uefa to extend its rights to the Champions League for three seasons from 1997.

It continues the network's policy of rebuilding its sports portfolio after several years of neglect. It is understood ITV is paying about £50 million over three years for the contract. ITV will also be screening the BBC. from the start of the 1997 season and will show highlights of England's in-

ternational games.

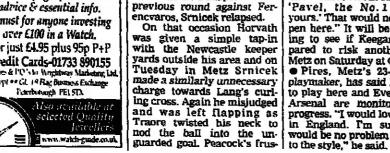
Jeff Farmer, ITV's head of football, said: "It is a tremendous contract for us be-cause the Champions League delivers tremendous peak-time audiences as high as 12 million. This is undeniably the best club competition in the world and we are thrilled it has

been retained on ITV." From 1997 the Champions League will have a new extended format, with two English representatives the Premiership champions champions automatically qualify for the 24-club in it". But follow that with a group stage, while the run-ners-up and Scottish champions have to participate in

a two-leg qualifying round. Mike Southgate, ITV's It is good news for viewers that the event will stay on terrestrial television into the next century."



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Yet it was from two such

LLY McCoist's first goals in the Champions League, one from the penalty spot, were the highlight of Rangers' first victory in Group A - indeed their first since March 93 at home largely dominated. Albertz delivered the first to Bruges. It brought unex-pected joy on a night when a makeshift Ibrox side refused

Laudrup had failed a late fitness test with hamstring trouble and Gascoigne was suspended, so it was hardly surprising that the home unusually subdued, should

Michael Walker

on the Uefa Cup

problems posed by

Newcastle's keeper

ALTHOUGH it is one of the most obvious truths in tootball — that a goalkeeper's good reputation is more fragile than any of his teammates' — it is also the one most fraguently overlooked.

most frequently overlooked.

tant saves and the keeper is praised by fans and managers

alike as "the man who kept us

howler that leads to a goal

and the keeper is castigated

more than any defender who has made six timely tackles

It does not seem fair but

sadly for Pavel Smicek that is

the way it is. For over an bour on Tuesday the Newcas-

tle keeper had kept his hands warm in France with a clutch

of saves that suggested he was

Twice long shots from Lang

were dealt with comfortably

as were efforts from Pires and

Traore. But then, just as he

had done in Budapest in the

and a miskick

a man in form.

to yield to their own misfortunes.

Srnicek costs Magpies dear

set-pieces in quick succession that Rangers almost broke the leadlock in a first half that the brisk Swiss side had

corner, from the left, which Petric reached at the far side of the area and headed back to Gough. The defender's header was powerful and true, but the goalkeeper reached up to tip the ball over the crossbar.

From the right corner flag Albertz again found Gough with a deep cross, and this time the defender podded the

trated reaction was no doubt

repeated in every Geordie liv-ing-room as well as in the

Newcastle dug-out.
Kevin Keegan was forced into an analysis of the moment that was remarkably

like the one he gave in flung-ary. "Their goal was not a great one," he said. "Pavel knows it was down to him."

What the manager said next

"Otherwise his handling
was good but a goalkeeper
can't afford to make any mis-

takes" - was particularly pertinent in the context of the

Newcastle revolution.
The £60 million that he has

invested in players is in dan-

ger of being undermined by a keeper he inherited from Os-

sie Ardiles and Jim Smith.

And yet we must presume from the fact that Keegan

bought Shaka Hislop last sea-son that he saw flaws in the

Hislop, however, has started only one league game this season — the first, at

Everton, when he under-per-

formed — and since then Srnicek has been the No. I.

Srnicek, though, knows the

score judging from a com-ment earlier in the season.

"I can never imagine a situ-

ation where Kevin said to me:

'Pavel, the No. 1 shirt's

Metz on Saturday at Chelsea.

● Pires, Metz's 23-year-old

playmaker, has said he wants

to play here and Everton and

Arsenal are monitoring his

progress. "I would love to play in England. I'm sure there

would be no problem adapting

eague duck but headed too high from only six yards. That was disappointing for McCoist and Rangers but it

showed that the Swiss could be harried out of their smooth stride, and players such as Gren, Smiljanic, Thuhler and Haas suddenly began to look a little hot under the collar.

of Rangers pressure in the 15 minutes before the interval that Laudrup and Gascoigne were sorely missed. It was not difficult to imagine the former's pacey surges and the from 15 yards. latter's subtle probing creat- He was booked for remov-

more hot water yesterday

when she was charged by the FA with bringing the

game into disrepute.

An inquiry into Janei

Fewings was ordered after the irate wives and girl-friends of players blew the

whistle on the 41-year-old mother of four and called

foul. Fewings now faces a

fine, ban or the loss of her

referee's registration if she

acclaim even the winning of a ball across to McCoist. The ing some telling chances ling his shirt and was still improperly dressed when Grassvictory itself.

| Ing his shirt and was still improperly dressed when Grassvictory itself. | Ing his shirt and was still improperly dressed when Grassvictory itself. | hardly have been more exciting. Having denied the Swiss a legitimate penalty claim when Cleiand barged Magnin, the referee awarded Rangers one for accidental handball by Thuhler just a few minutes

> McCoist converted with a low drive to the right of Zu-berbuhler and, his Champi-It was during that sus-tained, if unproductive period ons League hoodoo over, com pleted the double in the 73rd minute. Albertz played the ball in from the left and the unmarked McCoist drove it through the goalkeeper's legs

> > and players have been ask-ing for privacy and shower

and restrict me to referee

ing games only where there are separate facilities."

foot volley.
Rengerer Gorem; Clelend, Wilson, Gough,
Petric, Robertson; Moore, Miller, Albertz,
Van Vossen, McColst.
Grasshopper Zerfeltr Zuberbuhler; Haus,

Yet another right Metz from | Wives call foul as female ref joins post-match shower

charge.

• Uefa has invited the Precurtains. I hope the players will back me but I fear the FA will try and shut me out Colin Squirrell, the FA's Devon secretary, said: "We are aware that changing fa-

A FEMALE football referese who stripped off to shower with players after matches found herself in lives in Exeter. "Referees ber 30 to respond to the

miership's David Elleray to a referees workshop in Cy-prus on February 10-11. The Harrow school-master will join 23 other leading European officials to review Euro 96 and the role and image of referees in the top-class game and discuss mental preparation for handling major cilities are far from ideal.
However, we believe refereses or their assistants matches.

City's problems

ian Ross and Don Beet

RANCIS LEE, the Manchester City chairman, vesterday allocated £4 million to the caretaker manager Phil Neal to buy new players in an attempt to pull the club out of its

Although Neal has been given no guarantee that he will succeed Steve Coppell on a permanent basis, he has been provided with funds to introduce players to a senior squad bereft of quality and experience. Neal's first target is likely to be Paul Kitson, languishing in Newcastle reserves two years after his £2.25 million move from Derby.

City have won only two of their last 11 games but Neal said: "I am confident I can turn this club around. I want to be judged on my record at Maine Road after I have had a chance to bring in players of my own and after I have had a chance to adapt the team."

Lee, while admitting that money was in short supply. promised: "You will see signings at this club in the next week or 10 days.

City's German striker Uwe Rösler has, meanwhile, escaped action from the Football Association after being reported by police for allegedly gestur-ing to Portsmouth fans at Fratton Park last weekend. Arsenal's David Seaman cracked ribs against Man-chester United last Saturday and the manager Arsène Wenger is fast losing that the goalkeeper will face Tottenham at

Bighbury on Sunday. It is feared that Seaman may be out for a month, even though the Gunners

may be given the opportu-nity to dely the pain for a crucial 90 minutes. Wenger said: "I am pessimistic at the moment and would only want him to play if he left 100 per cent.

Leeds United's Chanaian striker Tony Yeboah yes-terday took his first tentative steps towards a senior return after eight months out with injury when he played against Carlisle and scored - in a specially arranged practice game.

Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, is hoping to complete a £2.3 million deal for Steffen Iversen today. The Norwegian striker has agreed to join them and Francis, who has been tracking him for 18 months, flew to Trondhelm last night to watch Iversen play for Rosenborg against FK Gothenburg in the Champions League.

Roy Hodgson has turned down an offer to manage Blackburn Rovers and is set to extend his contract with Internazionale. The English former coach of Switzerland told the Inter chairman Massimo Moratti that he had been approached but wanted to stay in Milan.

Scotland yesterday rejected Estonia's idea of playing their World Cup rematch in Cyprus in February and dismissed their alternative suggestion. Azerbaijan, as a joke.

Jim Farry, the Scottish FA's chief executive, said: "We need a temperate cli-mate to ensure that the match progresses, so southern Europe would appear to be a more favoured spot ~ perhaps France, Italy, Spain or Portugal," It looks increasingly

likely that Fifa will have

Rugby League

Lindsay hails global game

Paul Fitzpatrick

of a world club championship suggests a swing from famine to feast next season. Maurice Lindsay, the eame's chief executive, introduced the programme at Headingley as "unique, spectacu-lar, truly global". It may also reduce the drift of players The tournament will also doubling up with union.
The flaw this year was a

shortage of fixtures and a season — deprived through legal wrangles in Australia of the world club play-offs — that finished too early. For 1997 the danger could be overload. The unique part of the sea-son will be the world club championship involving the 12 European Super League clubs and the 10 from Austral-asia, taking place over two

three-week periods in June, then July and August. The cost of the operation will be underwritten by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation and, with each home club keeping all the gate takings, the chance is there to generate real wealth. A prize of £500,000 awaits the winners of a tournament which will see the 22 clubs split into four

pools — each comprising clubs from each hemisphere, playing home and away — from which eight quarter-finalists will emerge to play in September. The semi-finals and final will be in October. Pessimists in the northern hemisphere fear too many one-sided games and mean-ingless fixtures; and some fearful travelling will be in-volved. But the tournament

measure their standards acainst Australia's best.

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Manly, Australia's most successful club this year, are aligned to the Australian Rugby League and will not take part but Brisbane Broncos, Canberra Raiders, Canterbury and Auckland Warriors represent much of

give European audiences the opportunity to see Australia's two newest clubs — Hunter Mariners from Newcastle and Adelaide Rams -- in action. Both were made idle when was initially declared illegal. In January the Super League clubs will receive the first payment of the £850,000 due to them in 1997. There will be prize-money of £120,000 for the Super League champions and £100,000 for

the Challenge Cup winners.
The minimum number of matches a Super League club will play is 29 and a moder-ately successful side could play 35. Lindsay hoped the programme would deter league players tempted to play union on short winter

it will be a long year, starting with an international Nines tournament in Towns-ville, Australia, in January. Super League clubs will be in action early in February, when they will join the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at the fourth-round stage.

The Super League championship of 22 games starts in March and the season ends on November 15 when Great

will enable European clubs to | tralians in the third Test.

Results

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Soccer EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE

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Fixtures (7.30 unless stated) Soccer

Paul Hunter, who as a 17-year-old beat Alan McManus

Sport in brief

in the UK Championship at the televised last 16. which terday James Wattana, writes Clive Everton. The 9-5 win

puts him against Terry Mur-No. 8 Ronnie O'Sullivan. Stephen Hendry, the holder, scored a 9-5 win over Rob Milkins, another second-season professional, and will next meet the winner of the match between Anthony

Hamilton and David Gray, who was English amateur champion last year at the age of 16 years and two months. Billy Snaddon, one of a cohort of able young Scots who provide impressive back-up to the World Cup-winning i'I don't thir trio of Hendry, John Higgins and McManus, emerged a 9-7

winner over Rod Lawler, the

Badminton

Peter Knowles begins the de-fence of his Scottish Open title in Glasgow today hoping for a chance of revenue the Preston Guild Hall last against Ji King peng of China. year, has returned to reach writes Richard Jago. Knowthe televised last 16. which les's straight-games defeal by starts on Saturday, with wins over Willie Thorne and yes square the series 3-3 in Sheffield on Tuesday, and their quarter-final meeting seems more likely after the withphy, conqueror of the world | drawai last night of Jens Olsson, the second seed and Swedish No. 1, who has a chest infection.

Basketball

The Houston Rockets centre Hakeem Olajuwon is undergoing tests after being taken to hospital with an irregular heartbeat during Tuesday night's game against Minne-sota. "Hakeem went through this before in 1991," said a club spokesman Tim Frank. "I don't think we're looking at anything of severe

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Rugby Union

London Division 20 Argentinians 63

London keep their honour intact

Robert Armstrong at Twickenham

DEVIL-may-care Lon-don side, cobbled together from the lower leagues, proved there is abundant rugby life outside the top echelons with a plucky, enterprising performance yester-day. Notwithstanding a £500 match fee each, it really was the taking part that mattered more than the losing or win-ning in a lively contest graced by 10 tries, eight of them scored by the Argentinians, in the opening game of their seven-match tour.

London, who had six players from Havant and three from Esher in their line-up, bravely answered the call from the Rugby Football Union to hold the fixture after clubs in Leagues One and Two banned their players from taking part despite an earlier promise that they

would be available.

Led by the Esher prop Julian Davies, who runs a design consultancy in the West End, London showed that the so-called junior clubs could transcend rugby's politics for 80 minutes with a refreshing lack of inhibition.

transcend rugby's politics for 80 minutes with a refreshing lack of inhibition.

Indeed, London mustered enough self-belief to take a 13-8 lead, which they held until the 34th minute. And, the transcendence of the self-belief to take a lack of



Crowded out . . . Hamish Rushin, one of London's try-scorers yesterday, hands on possession to Ian Campbell-Lamerton

by Jeff Alexander straight out and I am immensely proud of the coaching manual.

The Argentinian international No. 8 Pablo Bouza responded with a hat-trick of could easily pass you by if ham we settled down and got opportunity for us and we tive memory." Hamish Rushin, the Havant

with 10 successful kicks.

"The boys were concerned don's first-half try, admitted just to show that was no at the size of the task they he had dreamt of crossing the fluke, they rattled the tourists faced but we kept the game Argentinian line the night be again with a second-half try simple, we scrummaged well fore the game. at the size of the task they he had dreamt of crossing the

against a major touring side could easily pass you by if you weren't timed in but we all thoroughly enjoyed it and will come away with a positive memory."

much the a procedurant but much the a procedurant but much the appearem out that a procedure once we arrived at Twickenham we settled down and got ourselves focused," Rushin said. "The Pumas have great hands and rarely drop the ball."

Political support for the RFU was voiced by the Hav-ant loose-head prop David Rees, a 35-year-old electrician. "I believe the game should be a long the run by the RFU because no complained."

gave it our best shot."
Simon Dear, the Havant coach, was critical of those responsible for landing his players with meeting Test

opponents at five days' notice.
"We know that it's a mess but it should have been foreseen Wood takes over as Ireland's captain as Hogan pulls out of Test against Australia

Alex Wyllie, the former All Blacks coach, who is giving technical advice to the tour-ists, said: "I don't think the attitude of the Argentinian players will be affected by competing against under-strength sides. Their main aim is to get into the Test side against England and they their performances from now

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NIALL HOGAN, Ireland's captain, is out of Saforday's Test against Australia in Dublin. The scrumbalf has not shaken off the sarkle injury he received in last week's defeat by West-era Samoa.

His place goes to Gar-like injured a shoulder in the World Cup His place goes to Gar-like injury here are goes to Gar-like injury here are goes to Gar-like injury here are goes to Gar-like injury here goes injury here goes to Gar-like injury here goes injury her The New Zealand Barbar-ians, including a fully-fit Jonah Lomu, arrived in

Cricket

Wily Warne flea-fit for **Test return**

Mike Selvey in Brisbane on the golden boy's leg-spin threat to West Indies

HE golden boy sat in wickets in four Tests and the Queensland Bulls roughing up the West Indies dressing-room yester-day, took a pull from his fag — "gotta have some vices" — and pronounced himself flea-fit and raring to go; Australia breathed a sigh of relief.

As manias go, Shane Warne is currently down the Australian field behind Wacko Jacko, Tiger Woods, the Clintstones and Venables, the new Wide Colonial Boy. But, if Warne's colonial Boy. But, if Warne's return to international cricket in the first Test at the Gabba tomorrow results in a bamboo-zled West Indies and a victori-

ous Australia, then the pages will be held for no one.

The rehabilitation of the third finger on Warne's right hand, the digit that rips the buzz-saw leg-break, is com-plete. He was in the Brisbane nets in the morning, doodling away, trying a bit of this and

a not of that.

"No mystery balls this time," he said, "just tinkering with a few things for the lefties, a bit of angle, wide of the crease, change the grip, that sort of thing, see how it comes out, look if it spins."

It is grand to be back; one can see it in the sparkle of his eyes. The finger, perhaps the most valuable single digit in world sport, has taken time to recover from its operation and there were times, Warne admits, when he wondered if

it would come right.

Even now it needs unrusting and after every bowling session it needs ice packs and massage. But in his most what followed is legend: recent Sheffield Shield match for Victoria Warne knew he was right when, for the first

Frank Worrell Trophy after their stupendous win in the Caribbean 18 months ago but, without his inspirational in-fluence, some cracks have ap-peared recently. What seemed at one time to be an income. at one time to be an impreg-nable batting fortress has become mortal. Age has caught up with Boon, Slater has been nscarded, Pointing 15 out of sorts, Bevan is unproven in Tests and Slater's replacement Matthew Elliott is mak-

ing his debut. But in the Caribbean it was the bowlers, following the plan to the letter, who ulti-mately won the series: Reiffel probing with a dentist's intensity: the left-arm paceman Ju-

And, of course, there was Warne, tantalising and setting the seal by taking the final wicket of the series in Jamaica. He had taken 23 wickets but a lesser manufact have sayarbled early might have crumbled early. In years to come they will still talk in awe of the first

session of the opening Test in Bridgetown, when West Indies recovered from six for three to 116 for three at lunch. Warne bowled the 10th over of the innings and Carl Hooper, a man with a mis-sion, danced yards down the pitch to his first three deliverles, striking each for four. Warne never lost his cool, not for a second, revelling instead in the intensity and passion of it all. He is looking forward to doing it again. "That's how they are," he said yesterday. "they give you a chance. They attack and so do we."

In such circumstances something, surely, must give and, on the evidence so far, it ought to be West Indies. They have started the tour dismally, culminating in a 10-mally, culminating in a 10-mally, culminating in a 10-mally. wicket defeat at the hands of an Australian XI in the teeth of an Antarctic southerly that

Yet they have come to do a job. Four years ago, on their last visit here, they began sluggishly, escaping from jail in Brisbane and being res-

Walsh summoning one last effort to bring them victory by a single run in Adelaide was right when, for the first time in ages, the ball began to fizz, dip and dart. "Jeez, I was really happy," he said. "It was coming out so well."

Australia aside in Perth in the space of seven sessions.

At times, as then, pride alone has carried them where others cannot go. Whether they have the die to do that

others cannot go. Whether they have the side to do that again is another matter. The bowlers remain a class act on heavily on Lara's sorcery, Adams's iron constitution and the promise of Chanderpaul. There is a tail like a rat

A new management team is in place now, though, with Clive Lloyd overseeing and Malcolm Marshall as coach, both trying to recall the feel-ing of the glory days.

The series promises to be passionate and Warne will

rub his hands together and wallow in every second. It is lian signting the ball on the good to have him back, e angle: McGrath taking 24 cially against West Indies. good to have him back, espe-

Sport in brief

Redgrave tempted by call of the oars

STEVE REDGRAVE is expected to announce next week that his immediate post-victory comment at Atlanta — "If you see me anywhere near a boat again you have my permission to shoot me" — was premature, writes Christopher Dodd. His immediate goals remain a matter of speculation but they probably include the Grand at Henley, the only open event he has not won there. A realistic attempt at a third gold medal in the coxless pairs in Sydney would be an almost suicidal proposition.

Mike Spracken, who coached him to his first two Clympic gold medals, is set to return to Britain just as the international rowing manager David Tanner is seeking a chief coach for the women's squad. Passed over for the top job in Britain, Sprack-len went to Canada and produced their Olympic champion men's eight in Barcelona. He then moved to the US but his men's eight failed to win an Olympic medal in Atlanta and his contract will not be renewed when it expires on December 31.

Sussex release Wells

THE player drain continues at Sussex, whose former captain Alan Wells has been given permission to speak to other counties The 35-year-old betsman, who has two years of his contract remaining, requested a move after losing the captaincy three weeks ago. Ed Giddins, currently suspended by the TCCB for falling a drug test, was dismissed by Sussex. Warwickshire offered him a contract this week when, additionally, Ian Salisbury signed for Surrey and Danny Law joined Essex.

Somerset's new coach Dermot Reeve wants to make his former Warwickshire team-mate Michael Burns his first signing. Burns, a wicketkeeper recruited from Cumberland in 1991 on Reeve's recommendation, is considering a move to Taunton after falling to win a regular place at Edgbaston.

Britons make Karachi splash

CHRIS WALKER and Peter Nicol both beat Australian opponents CHRIS WALKER and Peter Nicol both beat Australian opponents to reach the semi-finals of the World Open men's squash tournament in Pakistan yesterday. Colchester's 29-year-old Walker, recently promoted to world No. 4 but seeded only fifth in Karachi, defeated the third seed Brett Martin in four games and under an hour. Scotland's Nicol won in straight games against Craig Rowland, the youngster who eliminated the England No. 1 Del Barris in the previous round and defeated the world No. 1 Jansher Khan at the Tournament of Champions in New York last month.

Brundle in warm-up crash

MARTIN BRUNDLE escaped unburt when his car slid down an ky bank in Wales yesterday during a training run for his rally debut in the Network Q/RAC Kally which starts on Saturday. It was very icy and snowy and the car was skiding a lot. It just slipped down a slope, clipped a log and damaged the rear susper slop." said the 38-year-old former Formula One driver, who partners Roger Freeman in a Group A Ford Escort Cosworth.

Kettering a forehand smash

THE 70th English Open at Kettering on January 7-12 has been designated the first of 1997's Super Four table tennis tournaments, urrites Richard Jago. With television coverage and record prizemoney of \$50,000 (£30,000), it has attracted players from 28 nations. The other Big Four events will be the China Open, the Qatar Open to the China Open, the Qatar Open transport in the Swadish or and one other European tournament, probably the Swedish or French Open. Four months later in Manchester the world championships return to England for the first time for 20 years.

Johnson wants one last dash

THE disgraced sprinter Ben Johnson, benned for life in 1998 after a second positive drug test, has appealed to Canadian officials for reinstatement. "I just want to rewrite the history books and prove that I am still the best sprinter that ever ran track and field," said

Over and out for 'sick' Agassi

Seles abandons and faces surgery

both of which went to the Japanese, Seles gave up her lost cause.

"There were a couple of shots which made it worse would make it impossible in the hope that the injury would heal itself. Now surgery seems certain, followed by at least three months' rest which a would make it impossible in the hope that the injury would heal itself.

Stephen Bierley in Hanover

HE increasingly bizarre and bewildering world of Andre Agassi took another lurch down the misty path of scepticism here yesterday when the shavenheaded American, playing his first match of this year's ATP finals, tumbled to the limpest of limp 6-2, 6-1 defeats against the world's No. 1 Pete Sampras, and then withdrew from the tournament. The German crowd, having paid a minimum of £70 a

ticket, had shrilly whistled their disgust at such a pa-thetic performance. He had failed to turn up for Monday's live televised draw when news of his sickness first filtered out, although the ATP, with a total disregard for its public, chose not to issue any sort of bulletin or explanation then. Yesterday Agassi claimed he was still

Chris Bowers in New York

sistent shoulder injury that

caused her season to fizzle out in the first round of the

year-ending Chase Championships at Madison Square

Garden yesterday.

The former world No. 1 retired when trailing Kimiko Date of Japan 4-5

in the first set. She gri-maced when playing a high forehand volley in the sixth game and took an injury time-out at the next change.

ONICA SELES cut a forlorn figure as she talked about the per-

he was pulling out.

His place will be taken by

Sweden's Thomas Endqvist, who will now complete his place in the red-group of the round robin and will qualify for the semi-finals or finals if he should beat Yevgeny Kafel-nikov today or Boris Becker later in the week.

The nature of Agassi's ill-ness was not clear. He was asked what kind of medication he had been taking? "A cou-ple. I'm trying to remember their names." Was it, then, flu or a heavy cold, or what? "I think it is a bit of a combina-

and the pain started shoot-

ing down my arm. It just wasn't worth it," she said, hiding the extent of her dis-

appointment under the

peak of a baseball cap. The injury, officially de-

their last four encounters for a 12-8 lead, served with fierce

Sampras, who meets Boris Becker today, claimed be had played some of his best tennis in recent times. This may be true, but singularly failed to address the reality of the confrontation which was, as a contest, virtually non-existent. Those who have watched

Agassi closely, particularly over this chequered year, have become increasingly secretical of his post-match hang-dog contrition in defeat the bent head, the blinking eyes, the unconvincingly elusive answers to perfectly straightforward questions.

This man, a little genius when in full flow, has simply tion. It is definitely a symptom with the stomach as well as congestion in the head."

Sampras, who has now won for equally feeble excuses to suffice. His lamentable per-formance against Michael

for her to defend the Australian title in Melbourne

in January.
The fact that the top two

players in women's tennis are in New York with

severe doubts over their fit-

scribed as a tear of the left ness — Steffi Graf's long-tained back in January at the Australian Open, an event Seles won. By the summer she was talking of surgery but she kept put-few months.

Today Graf plays Lindsay parameter that the Australian Open, an is likely to rage in the summer she was talking of surgery but she kept put-few months.

French Open and Wimbledon.
Agassi, the Olympic champion and as such a potent mage for the world's youth, earns millions of dollars yet continues on so many occa sions to sell his sport horribly short and badly tarnish its image. Earlier this year he was slung out of an ATP tour-nament in Indianapolis for

foul language.
"Not good" was how he described his play since that appalling performance against Chang. Any reasons? "No". When Agassi falls to turn up for today's match against Kafelnikov the occupants of the Festhalle may raise a not in-considerable cheer.

Austria's Thomas Muster, having lost to the Croatian Goran Ivanisevic in the open-ing match of his four-man precision and hit any number Chang in the US Open semiof winning passes, but then it final — which a New York was not too difficult for him to strike the ball past a man who rarely displayed the least inclination to chase.

Chang in the US Open semigroup, inflicted a second successive defeat on the paper described, with fine precision, as "gutless" — was never explained, no more than inclination to chase.

The Corel WTA Tour will

use a new ranking system

next year, replacing the current 12-month points

average with a league-table format in which all players

start from zero and amass

points as they play events. To maintain their rankings

the top players will have to

play more tournaments than before. This, they fear, will increase the risk of

Davenport while Date

Azharuddin receives threats

has been given armed protec-tion after receiving threats for marrying outside his marriage last week to the faith

Hindu actress Sangeeta

Azharuddin, playing for In-dia in the first Test against South Africa which began in on 215 for eight, All Ahmedabad yesterday, has taking three for 33.

HE former Indian captain | received threatening tele-Mohammad Azharuddin | phone calls from Moslem funphone calls from Moslem fun-damentalist groups angered by the Moslem divorces's

Bijlani. India finished the first day on 215 for eight, Allan Donald

Books

McRae wins top award

ABOOK on boxing, extracts of which were featured in The Guardian's Sport96, was yesterday named William Hill Sports Book of the Year.

boxers as their careers criss-cross. One of the judges, Frances Edmonds, who pre-sented McRae with his book as "truly

the book as "truly wonderful".

Wonderful".

Weenlest Dark Yrade: Lost in Soring, by Donald McHae (Mainstream).

Remeans-sp On The Ropes: Boxing as a way of life, by Geoffrey Bestife (Gollancz); Weily Hongrophy, Dy David Foot (Robson Books).

A Girl's Guide to Bell Gemes, by Sae Molt (Mainstream); Linie Girls in Pretty Boxes: The making and breaking of eite gymnass: and figure skatars, by Joan Ryan (The Women's Press); Bradmac: An Australian Hero, by Gnaries Williams (Litie, Brown).

Athletics

Switch down to Channel 4

Duncan Mackay

ADAY after finalising the most lucrative kit Donald McRae's "Dark sponsorship in world athlet-Trade: Lost in Boxing" is a ics with Reebok the British five-year odyssey which follows the lives of a series of boxers as their careers crisscross. One of the judges.

Athletic Federation was yesterday putting the finishing touches to a television deal that will greatly reduce coverage of the sport. Channel 4 is set to be awarded the contract cheque at London's Sports-pages bookshop, described after the BBC came back with an offer worth £100,000 less than when it first came to the negotiating table. The halcyon days of II years ago, when ITV signed a five-year deal worth £10.8 million, have long disappeared as the sport has developed an aptitude for self-inflicted damage. Two years ago FTV agreed to a deal which could have netted the BAF another \$6

million before 1998. But the channel became so disillu-sloned with the poor fare served up that this year it did not show live the country's flagship meeting, the Grand Prix at Crystal Palace, after the organisers refused to allow Michael Johnson to clined to take up the option to

extend the contract.
With BSkyB not interested in adding athletics to its portfolio of sports, the BAF is ready to strike a four-year deal with Channel 4. There drowned during a youth will still be athletics on ITV regatta in 1983. run on an £8 million contract

Sailing

French court finds two Americans responsible for regatta drowning

Bob Fisher

HREE men were yester-day given suspended prison sentences and fines for being in charge of two yachts which collided during La Nioulargue Regatta at St Tropez in October last year. The accident resulted in the

ican owner of the 143-foot schooner Marietie, his profes-sional skipper Thomas Eaton, also an American, and Claude Graf from Nice, owner of the 32ft six-metre class Taos Brett IV, were each fined FF50,000 (£6,000) and given two-month suspended sentences by the court at Draguignan.

Thomas Perkins, the Amer- | big schooner, which was ma- | lier found Sylvie Vlant, the | there is "a lower threshold of | run. It was no surprise it denoeuvring in the starting president of the race commitarea prior to her race. Bourry was aboard the smaller boat which collided with the lea-ward bow of Mariette, was swamped and sank immediately. Graf and the other three crew members of Taos Brett IV, floated clear; Bourry's body was recovered

drowning of a crew member, ourse converging with the The court, which had ear said that under French law kins. Eaton and Graf.

tences were meted out this week, seven weeks after the original hearing. Viant was originally fined FF20,000. The decision also clears the race committee of responsibility.

Edmund Whelan, head of Bourry's family can now

guilt" than in Britain. "They tee, similarly culpable, dis-charged her when final senlook at it as if it were a criminal offence and handle it like a civil case."

A court at La Rochelle awarded a similar sentence to a race official when a girl was

Sports Guardian P

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group C: Manchester Utd 0, Juventus 1

United fall for sucker punch

PASSIONATE Old Trafford and an in-spired second half from Ryan Giggs could not save Manchester United from another home de-feat last night, Juventus winning with a first-half penalty from Alessandro Del Piero. Now United will have to

beat Rapid Vienna in Austria in a fortnight's time to give themselves the best chance of

reaching the quarter-finals.

If the visit of the Champions Cup holders could not produce some of the old-time ervour at the ground then nothing ever would. Three weeks earlier, when Man-chester United had seen their 40-year-old unbeaten European home record fall to Fenerbahce, there had been a lack of passion both on and off the field.

Now was the moment for players and fans to put things right. In theory, a point might have been enough but this

percentages. United's followers might wave the flags, however, but Juventus it was who set the series of broad, sweeping attacks that had the United perately to cover.

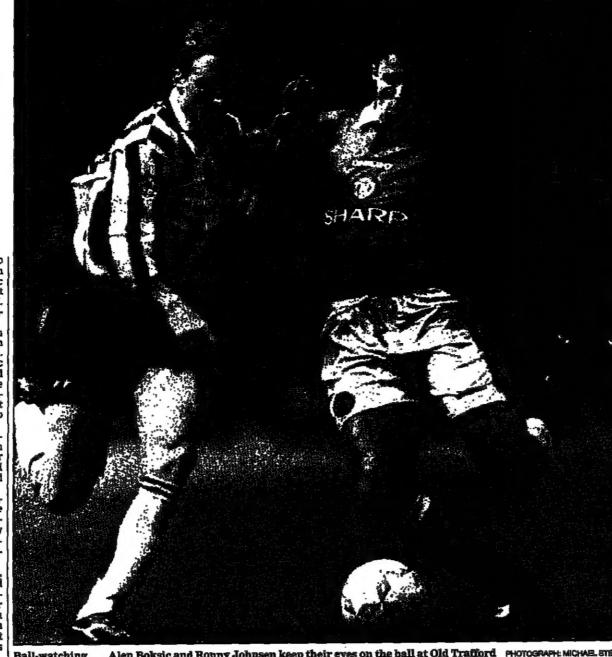
Any thoughts that Juventus

against River Plate in Tokyo were quickly dispelled. With Zidane, Deschamps, Jugovic and Di Livio powering past Butt and Keane in midfield. Boksic soon found opportuni-ties to get behind defenders. For a while the English champions were trapped in their own third of the field. Something approaching panic set in as early as the third minute when Zidane's centre was half-cleared by Schmei-chel and a miscue by Butt momentarily left Del Piero

facing an empty net. Del Piero was unable to ex-ploit the situation and when May met Beckham's corner with a header that skimmed the Juventus bar, Old Trafford hoped the crisis had passed.
Some hope; in the next in-stant a limping Phil Neville gave way to McClair, necessi-

tating a reshuffle which saw Keane withdrawn to centreback and Johnsen taking Neville's place on the left. The precious opportunities when they turned up, needed to be taken. Certainly Cantona should have done better in the 19th minute when a free-kick from Beckham on the right was cleared straight

to where the Frenchman was lurking to the left of goal. Cantona had a lot of net to aim at but dragged his shot wide of the far post. Still, with Beckham now beginning to show signs of find-



Ball-watching . . . Alen Boksic and Ronny Johnsen keep their eyes on the ball at Old Trafford PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEEL F.

half-hour.

might be keeping their pow | Ing space behind Torricelli on | technique remained stark. der dry for Tuesday's World | the right and Giggs ready to | Cantona, his influence pe-

United had at least seen off hardly posed the problems for lic inspiration and 10 minutes the initial onslaught by the Juventus that Boksic and his before half-time he instigated cohorts were creating for the move which led to Juven-Yet the contrast in style and United at the other end.

tus going in front. Desder dry for Tuesday's World the right and Giggs ready to Cantona, his influence pe- adorn many a United flag, but Club Championship match take on opponents for speed, ripheral, and Solskjaer Zidane was the principal Galgathered his pass before find-ing Del Piero scuttling towards the right-hand cor-

ner of the penalty area. Butt, suckered into making a tackle as the Italian crosse the 18-yard line, gave away a penalty which Del Piero United net. By half-time only Schmeichel's agility in saving Boksic's shot on the turn had

kept United in the contest.
The frustrating thing for
United was that, outplayed
though they undoubtedly had been, chances still fell their way and were still being missed, usually by Cantona. Shortly before half-time, from Beckham's excellent cross, he headed over the bar. Shortly after, when Giggs's through ball left him with

only Peruzzi to beat. Cantons

Weird sex. sad sex.

joke sex anything, in current literary novels.

rather than

evoked in

still could not outwit the Juventus goalkeeper. Fortunately for United, Del

Piero proved equally proflihim in a similarly inviting situation. With the ball bobbling, his shot sailed over the As Giggs exploited a slip by

As Giggs exploited a slip by Di Livio before shooting only a fraction too high, United clung to the hope that a one-goal deficit will always offer. The strength of the header Solskjaer put just wide after 63 minutes kept up Old Trafford's spirits, then with seven minutes to so Cantons almost minutes to go Cantona almost grabbed the aqualiser, but his dipping half volley from out-side the area bounced frustratingly off the crossbar.

manager. At first, he says, he was against her boxing — "and then I saw her fight and

front of his trews.

Sitting pretty 23 but packing an ugly punch



Frank Keating

women in the ring," said the headline. "Outthey ever let Mrs Christy Martin loose on the boxing bills of Britain. She hits to hurt and Britain. She hits to hurt and seldom misses. For the sake, and safety, of the home-based sorority, women's lib should frame a few amendments, fast.

The headline on Tuesday followed the Amateur Boxing Association's decision to allow females aged 10 or over the fight in Britain as ama-

to fight in Britain as amateurs for the first time in the 116 years of the ABA's existence. But the ruling will un-questionably swell British membership of the presently scant list of professionals who fight, with hitherto no nurturthe flag of the Women's Inter-

national Boxing Federation. With the old order and culture being so topsy-turveyed, I daresay that by the turn of the century there will be more British women prize-fighters than men. Mrs Martin will be coming after them.

It will not be a pretty sight.
She is 27, from West Virginia. They call her "the coalminer's daughter". Her left is like a pick, her right like a shovel. She is the latest hundnary to light up the preposterous Don King's murky den. She is as bright as her sequined dressing-gown and, she says, enjoys working as a supply teacher in maths and away from the gym. At the latter, when she was 21, she fell in love with her personal trainer Jim Martin. Now they are married and he is ber

all I saw was dollar-signs," he adds moonily and unabashed. His wife has not lost a fight in six years. She drives a \$70,000 (£43,000) BMW, and so does he. King agrees it helps the ticket-selling that "my Christine is pristine" meaning white-skinned. The only flies on Don are at the

Out of the ring Christy can look as dewily wistful as a soft-focus Doris Day or as sparkily and sex-appeal knowing as Meg Ryan. She is no smouldering glamour-puss

but, at work, she is one who, with a relishing snarl, scratches to draw blood by the bucketful. Last week in Las Vegas she earned \$30,000 when a gruesome "splat" of a first-round right-hander splayed the senses and legs of a bewildered black Bambi called Bethaney from Atlanta. Sky has already shown Mrs Martin's venom a few times

Martin's venom a few times on British screens. Like the US weather, we will get it over here for real soon enough. She will bring with her a nice paradoxical conun-drum for British feminists to wobble their jowls and chests over. Which is less PC? An all-female smilingly sanitised and harmless Miss World competition? Or a male-sping and sadistically bloodletting Mrs World heavyweight box-ing champion? The latter is repulsive and surely worth burning a drawerful of bras-for. But what about equality of opportunity between the sexes? Difficult one; eh, gels?

The monstrous regiment's best bet is attack through King's absurdly blatant sexism. He introduces you to his distaff dish. She flutters her eyelids. You shake hands with the right that could bust your jaw. Doing the honours, Don says in his usual hot-gospel EYE-TAL-ICS: "Meet my champ, the most vivacious, curvaceous, voluptuous and intoxicatingly beautiful little thing who enjoys and exalts in causing pain and hurt like and has just run down to the candy-store to buy a cinnamon roll. When she hits, they never get up, so I want you, sir, to call on your friends like Max Factor and Mr Revion and tell them this Christy of mine will get into the ring to promote round the world their 'non-smear lipstick' or 'rouge that don't bruise'. Tell Pack a Punch Yet Still Look

"N-n-nice to meet you, Mrs Martin, marm," I muttered as I began to back away. "Good luck tomorrow," I said. "No with a sweet serenity. "I'll bang her once, she'll be scrambled, it won't last a round."

ND, when she coquettishly squidged up her nose to emphasise the terrible threat, I suddenly thought of that immor-tal and Churchillian retort by beloved Henry Cooper when, in an anti-boxing TV debate, the battle-axe Baroness Summerskill said: "Mr Cooper, get a mirror and just look at the state of your nose," And Enery replied: "Get one yourself, madam, and look at your nose. Boxing's my excuse. What's yours?

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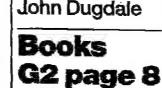


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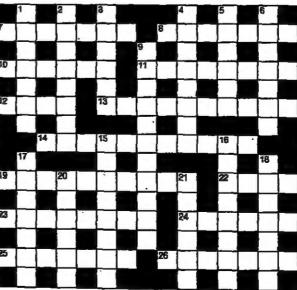
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Set by Rufus



- Across 7 Needle for decoration on
- artificial silk (7) 8 it doesn't make sense, but put it in anyway (7) 10 Recent change of heart (6)
- 11 Said to be celebrated (8) 12 State welcome to King (4) 13 Flight opportunity for murder Nothing doing (4,2,4)
- 14 A charge made upon income? (8,3)
- 19 Pull leg about being in bed that's untidy (10) 22 Left or right in the vessel (4) 23 Forces in conflict, though

connected with the law (B)

- 24 Instant support (6) 25 The Magi seem upset in victory (4,3) 26 Bad rule may become
- Down
- see (7) 2 It presses for accommodation over the dub (4-4)
- 3 It's way up as money (6) 4 Liqueur made in Eastern state (B)
- 5 Hooded jacket Rex found in a tree (6)
- 6 Sharp reminder of the church's status (7) 9 There's nothing special
- about Clapham, say (11) 6 Unusual regret about one's
- record (8) 16 Particular pieces muddled by a learner (8) 17 Arab that is bound to be a
- wanderer (7) 18 Hint reveals both experlence and age (7)



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